

The Colonial Players, Inc.

2024–25 Scholarship Guidelines and Application

The Colonial Players Mission



The purpose of the organization shall be to provide facilities, education, training, and encouragement to all members of the community who are interested in participating in the dramatic arts, and further to educate the community to the appreciation of the dramatic arts by providing a variety of dramatic entertainment.

Intent of The Colonial Players Scholarship Program

- Encourage participation in theater in general, and The Colonial Players in particular.
- Reward individuals with a demonstrated record of active involvement in community theater (with preference for Colonial Players service).
- Foster life-long appreciation for and support of community theatre.

Eligibility Criteria

- Prospective full-time students who will have earned a high school diploma, or the equivalent, by the end of the current academic year.
- Past or present residents of Anne Arundel County or documented involvement in Anne Arundel County community theater.
- Demonstrated participation in any aspect of community theater (e.g. cast, crew, design, tech, etc.), with a preference given for service with The Colonial Players. A major in theater is not required.
- Past awardees satisfying eligibility criteria may reapply in subsequent years. Priority will be given to new applicants.

Scholarship Awards

Scholarship award(s) are between \$2,500 and \$5,000 depending upon the number and quality of applications submitted. The Colonial Players reserves the right to withhold any scholarship or to award a second scholarship (if merited) in any given year.

Allowable Scholarship Uses, Extensions and Responsibilities

Funds must be used toward a full-time program at any accredited post-secondary school. In the event that the student does not attend school the proposed year, the student may request an extension to use the funds the following year. A request for extension describing the reason must be submitted in writing to the committee. The committee may grant or deny the request. Any extension granted may not exceed one year. Awardees are responsible for providing a statement of expenditures at the end of their first semester to the scholarship committee at: scholarship@thecolonialplayers.org

Application Submission, Review Process and Deadlines

Applications must be postmarked or submitted via email no later than **Friday, February 28, 2025**. Please check your application materials. Incomplete applications will NOT be considered. Once the Scholarship Committee has reviewed all applications received, applicants may be contacted for a face-to-face interview. Scholarship announcements and award check(s) will be issued by the end of May. All applicants will be notified by email. Application materials will not be returned. The Colonial Players is not responsible for lost or misplaced materials.

Application Materials

- Completed and signed application form
- Resume (including awards, extra-curricular activities, etc.)
- A typed personal essay of 300 words or less on this topic: "What role community theatre has played in my life and what I expect to see as its role in the future." Strong essays will use specific examples as support.
- Proof of experience in community theater (e.g. single-sided photocopies of playbills, news clippings, photos, letters from directors, stage managers, or other persons in authority, etc.)
- At least three signed letters of recommendation from a theater connection
- Copy of official academic transcript in a sealed envelope from the school.
- Completed Checklist

Application Form

Date of this application:	
Applicant's name:	
Home address:	
Campus address:	
Mobile phone:	
Home phone (if applicable):	
Campus email:	
Intended major & minor:	
High school attended:	
Post-secondary School(s) to which you have applied or intend to apply:	
Date of birth:	

Signature of student: _____

If student is a minor:

Signature of parent/guardian _____

Printed name of parent/guardian _____

For questions or assistance with this application, contact the Scholarship Committee by leaving a message at the Box Office at 410-268-7373. Your call will be returned. Emailed questions may be sent to scholarship@thecolonialplayers.org.

You may either Email or mail completed application materials to: scholarship@thecolonialplayers.org OR

Attn: Scholarship Committee
The Colonial Players, Inc.
108 East Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Submission Checklist

- Completed, signed application form
- Resume (including awards, extra-curricular activities, etc.)
- Typed personal essay of 300 words or less describing what community theater has meant to you
- Proof of experience in community theatre (e.g. single-sided photocopies of playbills, news clippings, photos, letters from directors, stage managers, or other adults in authority)
- At least three letters of recommendation from a theatre connection addressing this scholarship (MUST be signed and sealed)
- Copy of your official academic transcript in a sealed envelope from the school
- Completed checklist. I have enclosed ALL required documents.

Sign here:

Name:

Date:
