

# Theater

Scholarship Application

Due January 31

## Types of Theater Scholarships

### Acting Scholarship

These scholarships are awarded annually to selected students who show talent in acting and wish to further develop these skills.

### Technical Theater Scholarship

These scholarships are awarded annually to selected students who show interest and skill in the technical and design aspects of Theater.

## Application Procedure Acting Scholarship

In order to apply for an acting scholarship at Bethany, it is necessary to complete:

**1. an application packet**

and

**2. an audition (either in person or videotaped using standard VHS or DVD)**

1. The application packet must contain all of the following:
  - This completed application form
  - Two letters of recommendation from people who are familiar with your abilities in Theater or performance
  - A written essay (one page, typed, double-spaced) describing your interest in acting and future plans for Theater and academic study
  - A list of theatrical activities and accomplishments
2. The applicant must audition personally or submit a videotaped recording using standard VHS or DVD. (material guidelines on next page)
  - For a personal audition (preferable whenever possible), phone or write the Fine Arts Director to make arrangements for an appointment (1-800-944-3066 or e-mail [ljaeger@blc.edu](mailto:ljaeger@blc.edu))
  - If a personal audition is not possible and you choose to submit a videotaped audition it must be sent along with the other application materials

## Guidelines for Audition

Live or videotaped auditions must include the following:

1. A memorized speech from pre-twentieth century dramatic literature, such as a monologue taken from one of William Shakespeare's plays no longer than four minutes in length
2. A memorized contemporary piece, in contrast with the Shakespeare speech, of the student's choosing no longer than six minutes (this piece may be an individual monologue or may be a dialogue performed with a partner) (Performing pieces that are read rather than memorized or simply submitting videotapes of scenes produced for high school plays is discouraged.)

**Please send all materials together to the Fine Arts Director.**

## Technical Theater Scholarship

**In order to apply for a Technical Theater scholarship at Bethany, it is necessary to complete an application packet which contains all of the following:**

- This completed application form
- Two letters of recommendation from people who are familiar with your abilities in design and/or technical Theater
- A written essay (one page, typed, double-spaced) describing your interest in Theater and future plans for theatrical activity and academic study
- A list of theatrical activities and accomplishments, particularly in technical Theater

**Please send all materials together to the Fine Arts Director.**

*(No audition is necessary for the Technical Theater scholarship application)*

## Qualification for and Maintenance of Scholarships

**All Fine Arts Scholarships are subject to annual review by the department faculty.**

**Theater Scholarship awards will be renewed based on the following criteria:**

- The student will maintain at least a cumulative 2.0 grade point average while enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits each semester.
- The student will maintain at least a 3.0 grade point average in all Theater classes.
- The student will maintain an exemplary record of rehearsal attendance and will demonstrate leadership in the department.
- The student will demonstrate good campus citizenship.
- All scholarship hours and involvement in the Theater program must be conducted within the parameters established by the department.
- The student will satisfactorily participate in activities of the Theater department while receiving the scholarship. Satisfactory participation will be assessed by the Theater faculty on a semester basis. The criteria are as follows:
  - **Acting Scholarship** recipients are required to enroll in an academic Theater class each year that they receive this scholarship including TH102 (Acting).
  - **Acting Scholarship** recipients understand their responsibility to be actively involved in a minimum of 30 hours in theatrical performances on campus each semester and to audition for the fall and spring productions.
  - **Technical Theater Scholarship** recipients are required to enroll in an academic Theater class each year that they receive this scholarship including TH105 (Stagecraft).
  - **Technical Theater Scholarship** recipients understand their responsibility to be actively involved in a minimum of 30 hours in theatrical performances on campus each semester.
  - **Technical Theater Scholarship** recipients will be reviewed in the spring semester of each year in order to evaluate the development of technical skills.

# Theater Scholarship

## Personal Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(last) (first) (middle)

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## Area of Application

A student may apply for either or both Theater scholarships with the understanding that only one can be awarded. Please indicate your choice(s) below in order of preference.

\_\_\_\_ Acting Scholarship

\_\_\_\_ Technical Theater Scholarship

Send your completed application by **January 31** to:

Lois Jaeger  
Fine Arts Director  
Bethany Lutheran College  
700 Luther Drive  
Mankato, MN 56001-6163

*All application materials and audition tapes must be in the hands of the Fine Arts Director no later than January 31 in order to ensure consideration. Applications received after that date will be considered only so far as funds are available.*

### Did you include:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> This completed form   | <input type="checkbox"/> List of theatrical activities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Two letters of recommendation   | <input type="checkbox"/> One-page essay                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Videotape using standard VHS or DVD<br>(if not auditioning in person) |  |

**\*\*\*\*A current transcript of high school records must be sent to the college before this application may be processed.**