

Types of Theatre Scholarships

Acting Scholarship

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

Technical Theatre Scholarship

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

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 recorded)

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 Theatre or performance
- A written essay (one page, typed, double-spaced) describing your interest in acting and future plans for Theatre and academic study
- A list of theatrical activities and accomplishments

2. You must do one of the following:

- a.) Audition personally, b.) Submit a DVD recording, or c.) Email a recording to the coordinator of fine arts, Susan Harstad at susan.harstad@blc.edu. (material guidelines on next page)
- For a personal audition (preferable whenever possible), phone or write the coordinator of fine arts to make arrangements for an appointment (1-800-944-3066 or email susan.harstad@blc.edu)
 - If a personal audition is not possible and you choose to submit a recorded audition, it must be sent along with the other application materials by mail or email.

Guidelines for Audition

Live or recorded 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 Coordinator of Fine Arts.

Technical Theatre Scholarship

In order to apply for a Technical Theatre 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 Theatre
- A written essay (one page, typed, double-spaced) describing your interest in Theatre and future plans for theatrical activity and academic study
- A list of theatrical activities and accomplishments, particularly in technical Theatre

Please send all materials together to the Coordinator of Fine Arts.

(No audition is necessary for the Technical Theatre scholarship application)

Qualification for and Maintenance of Scholarships

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

Theatre 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 Theatre 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 Theatre program must be conducted within the parameters established by the department.
- The student will satisfactorily participate in activities of the Theatre department while receiving the scholarship. Satisfactory participation will be assessed by the Theatre faculty on a semester basis. The criteria are as follows:
 - **Acting Scholarship** recipients are required to enroll in an academic Theatre 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 Theatre Scholarship** recipients are required to enroll in an academic Theatre class each year that they receive this scholarship including TH105 (Stagecraft).
 - **Technical Theatre Scholarship** recipients understand their responsibility to be actively involved in a minimum of 30 hours in theatrical performances on campus each semester.
 - **Technical Theatre Scholarship** recipients will be reviewed in the spring semester of each year in order to evaluate the development of technical skills.

Theatre 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 Theatre scholarships with the understanding that only one can be awarded. Please indicate your choice(s) below in order of preference.

____ Acting Scholarship

____ Technical Theatre Scholarship

Send your completed application by **January 31** to:
Coordinator of Fine Arts
Bethany Lutheran College
700 Luther Drive
Mankato, MN 56001-6163

Or scan this application and email your materials by **January 31** to the coordinator of fine arts,
Susan Harstad, at: susan.harstad@blc.edu

All application materials and audition tapes must be in the hands of the Coordinator of Fine Arts 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"/> Recording on DVD or submitted by email
(if not auditioning in person) | |

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