

INSTRUCTIONS FOR 2021 OCALA CIVIC THEATRE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

Application **DEADLINE** is **5:30 p.m. on Friday, April 16, 2021**. The scholarship is open only to Marion County students **MAJORING** in the performing arts. The applicant must be a high school senior or college student who will be attending college full-time. If the scholarship is awarded, it will be paid directly to the college the applicant is attending by or around June 30, 2021.

All applications must be **COMPLETE**, with signature, and include a short essay (minimum of 700 words), as described on the application form, and at least two (2) but no more than three (3) current letters of recommendation. Recommendation letters must cover the applicant's activities during the preceding 15 months and must be unique to the student applying.

INCOMPLETE OR LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.

OPTIONAL PRE-APPLICATION WORKSHOP:

This *optional* workshop is Saturday, March 27, 2021, 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Theatre. It will help students with the preparation of their scholarship application and will also help them to prepare for their audition/interview. Space is limited for this workshop, which will also be offered virtually; if you wish to attend in person or virtually, please RSVP to jkirk@ocalacivictheatre.com

AUDITION DATE

Selected finalists will be notified by April 28, 2021 and will receive, and must attend, an audition/interview appointment at Ocala Civic Theatre **scheduled for Saturday, May 15, 2021**, assuming conditions allow for this event. Applicants will be notified by phone or e-mail by the Scholarship Chairperson, during the week prior to the audition/interview, of the time they should arrive at the Theatre. Applicants will be notified if there is a change to the audition date; the alternative may be a telephone or Zoom interview with the committee and submission of a recorded audition/presentation.

Applicants are responsible for bringing the following to their audition/interview, based on the field in which they are applying for scholarship. Audition/interviews will last approximately 20 minutes.

Theatre

- Prepare and perform two (2) memorized contrasting monologues from published plays, one (1) written prior to the 20th century and one (1) contemporary. [Self-written, television, and movie monologues are not acceptable.]
- Please be able to identify the play and playwright at the audition.
- Presentation should not exceed 5 minutes - total.

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Playwriting

- Present two (2) type-written (no handwritten materials accepted) 5-page excerpts from two (2) original plays written by the applicant.
- Related research, photographs, prompt books, and other support material for the two plays.
- Presentation should not exceed 5 minutes.

Directing

- Present rehearsal scripts, prompt books, research, writing samples, photographs, and other support material for two (2) plays done in school or produced elsewhere.
- Presentation should not exceed 5 minutes.

Design & Technical Production

- Present portfolios, prompt books, photographs, drawings, models, and other support material for a minimum of two (2) plays worked on in school or produced elsewhere.
- Presentation should not exceed 5 minutes.

Music – Vocal

- Prepare and perform two (2) memorized contrasting published songs (up-tempo and ballad), one (1) written prior to 1970 and one (1) written 1971 - present.
- Vocalists must provide their own accompaniment track and the means to play it. No back-up or support vocals are allowed on the accompaniment track.
- If you wish to bring an accompanist, you must notify the theatre so a keyboard can be arranged in advance.
- Presentation should not exceed 5 minutes – total.

Music – Instrumental

- Prepare and perform a minimum of two (2) memorized contrasting excerpts from solo or orchestral literature.
- Auditionees must provide their own instrument with the exception of keyboard/piano. An electric piano (full size) will be provided for keyboardists.
- Please warm up prior to arrival at the audition.
- Selections should demonstrate proficiency, musicality, and style.
- Presentation should not exceed 5 minutes – total.

Dance

- Prepare and perform one (1) across the floor movement phrase that showcases turns and jumps and one (1) solo piece choreographed by the applicant.
- The dancer should wear appropriate clothing and footwear and warm up prior to arrival.
- Dancers must provide their own music and the means to play it.
- Presentation should not exceed 5 minutes – total.

Scholarships awarded will be a minimum of \$500.00 each. The number of scholarships awarded varies each year.

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PLEASE WRITE LEGIBLY

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone Numbers (home) _____

(cell) _____

E-Mail Address _____

Date of Birth _____

Current School _____

Current Grade Point Average _____

School(s) Planning to Attend _____

PHOTO
(For Identification Purposes Only)

This application is for the performing arts category marked below (choose one):

- Theatre Arts (Theatre, Playwriting, Directing, or Design & Technical Production)
- Music (Vocal)
- Music (Instrumental)
- Dance

Please list school and/or extracurricular clubs, classes, or training in chosen category. Or, you may attach a resume.

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Please attach a short essay (minimum of 700 words) describing your plans for the use of this scholarship; how you intend to use your training in the future; and how you have used your talents thus far. Also submit two or three current letters of recommendation with your application, preferably written by people in your chosen field; these letters of recommendation must cover the applicant's activities during the preceding 15 months and must be unique to the student applying.

I hereby swear or affirm that I am a resident of Marion County and that I am currently or am planning to major in the field of study noted above.

Signature of Applicant

Submit this application form, essay and letters of recommendation to:

Ocala Civic Theatre--Scholarship Committee, 4337 E. Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala, FL 34470

Or by email to: jkirk@ocalacivictheatre.com

The completed application, essay and letters of recommendation must be submitted in entirety to Ocala Civic Theatre by 5:30pm on Friday, April 16, 2021.

No applications, or parts of the application, will be accepted late.

Ocala Civic Theatre does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, or any other basis of discrimination prohibited by law.