



Debi Ballas Performing Arts Scholarship

Through The Augusta Players

Description:

This scholarship is awarded to a graduating high school senior to recognize their service to the Augusta Players and their community and to encourage continued growth in supporting the arts.

Value:

One scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00. Please note that scholarships will be paid with a check made out to the recipient's school of choice.

Eligibility:

- The applicant must have participated in at least one production, special event, or fundraiser with The Augusta Players or The Augusta Jr. Players.
- The applicant must be a graduating high school senior.
- The applicant must have a minimum 2.5 overall GPA in high school.
- The applicant must be planning on pursuing a major or minor in theatrical arts.
- The applicant must complete an essay about how the theatrical arts have had a positive impact on their life and how they believe the scholarship will help them achieve future educational and artistic goals.
- The applicant must have demonstrated the capacity to contribute to their community, as shown by activities and personal recommendations.
- The applicant must obtain three personal recommendations from supervising adults who are not directly related to the applicant.
 - One of these recommendations must come from a teacher concerning their academic abilities.
 - One of these recommendations must come from a director or other creative team member concerning their arts-based contributions or abilities.
 - One of these recommendations must be written by a supervising mentor concerning their character and support of or involvement in the arts.



Basis of the Award:

The award will be based on the applicant's essay, dedication, participation, and support of the arts, The Augusta Players and/or Augusta Jr Players, academic standards, and character qualities reflected in the applicant's letters of recommendation and application. Applications will be adjudicated by a committee of no less than four volunteers.

Application procedure:

1. Download and complete the application form provided. Please be sure to complete all of the questions, or the application becomes void.
2. Obtain three letters of recommendation and attach them to your application.
3. Completed applications, essays, and recommendation letters as one package must be returned to info@augustaplayers.org by Friday, April 4th. The winner will be notified by May 19, 2025, and the scholarship will be presented at the 2025 Auggie Awards.
4. Completed applications can also be mailed to or dropped off at The Augusta Players office. Please call (706) 826-4707 or email info@augustaplayers.org for mail in/drop off address.



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APPLICATION

Name _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

1. Please attach your resume, and be sure to include the following: The Augusta Players and/or The Augusta Jr. Players shows, events, and fundraisers in which you have been involved, as well as other arts activities, organizations, productions, or classes in which you have been involved.
2. Please list your current GPA. _____
3. Please include a copy of your most recent transcript or report card with this submission.
4. Have you applied to a continuing education institution? _____
5. If yes, please include a copy of your letter of acceptance with this submission.
6. What is your intended field of further educational study?

7. Who are your three recommendations, and what is their relationship to you?

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

8. Please attach an essay of no more than 500 words about how the theatrical arts have had a positive impact on your life and how you believe the scholarship will help you achieve future educational and artistic goals. (*Winner essay may be published. The winner will be required to speak on behalf of The Augusta Players.*)

Signed _____

Date _____



Application Checklist

- Resume, which includes all Augusta Players and/or Augusta Junior players involvement.
- Include all high school transcripts.
- Three letters of recommendation.
- Proof of intent to attend college. (Acceptance letter or list of schools to which the applicant has applied.)
- Personal essay of how the theatrical arts have had a positive impact on your life and how you believe the scholarship will help achieve future educational and artistic goals.
- The above application form, along with the criteria from the application checklist, should be sent together in a complete packet to the Augusta Players either by drop-off, mail, or email, as listed above.