

Theatre Talent Scholarships

We are pleased that you are interested in competing for a Theatre Talent Scholarship. Theatre talent scholarships are offered to entering freshman applicants each year. These scholarships are valued up to \$12,000, and are renewable for four years of continuous study at Whittier College provided that the recipient meets the following requirements:

- Maintains satisfactory overall academic performance.
- Completes at least 3 credits of theatre course work each year.
- Is an active participant in at least two of the Theatre Department's three to four main season productions each year.

Please note that scholarship recipients are not required to major in theatre, but they are expected to contribute in valuable ways to the theatre production program.

Application Process:

- Complete the enclosed Talent Scholarship Application Form.
 - This is a fillable PDF form. Please fill this form out on your computer, save it, and email your electronic submission.
- Submit a headshot in .jpg format with your Talent Scholarship Application Form.
- Enclosed is one recommendation form. It must be completed by your theatre teacher, director, or private instructor. **Instructors must submit recs directly to talent@whittier.edu. Instructor recs submitted by students will not be accepted.**
 - This is a fillable PDF form. Please email this form to your instructor to fill out on their computer and submit electronically.
- Acting students must audition, either live or via YouTube. See instructions on next page for how to prepare for your audition.
- Technical Theatre students must submit a portfolio of their work. See instructions on next page for how to assemble and submit your Technical Theatre portfolio.

Incomplete or late applications and auditions will not be considered.

You may also apply for Art and Music Talent Scholarships, but if offered multiple talent scholarships you can only accept an award from one department and must decline all other offers.

Fall 2018 Applicant Deadlines:

All scholarship application materials must be received by **Friday, February 16th, 2018**. You must be admitted to Whittier College before applying for talent scholarships, so complete your Whittier College application ASAP, before its February 1st deadline to guarantee consideration. In-person auditions will take place at the Studio Theatre in Ruth B. Shannon Center on **Saturday, February 24th, 2017**. *Late or alternate audition dates are not allowed*; students who cannot attend live auditions must submit a YouTube audition by **Friday, February 16th, 2017**.

Spring 2017 Applicant Deadlines:

All scholarship application materials must be received by **Friday, December 1st, 2017**. You must be admitted to Whittier College before applying for talent scholarships, so complete your Whittier College application ASAP, before its November 1st deadline to guarantee consideration. Spring applicants cannot perform live auditions, and must submit YouTube auditions.

Application Address

All submissions must be emailed. Email your Information Form and Essay to talent@whittier.edu. Students must submit Information Forms and Essays in a single package. YouTube video links can be emailed separately. **Instructors must submit their own recommendations separately.**

In-Person Auditions for Student Actors: It is preferred that students audition in person. Prepare one monologue of 2 to 2½ minutes from a play. Film monologues are not allowed. We recommend that your monologue show you to your best advantage; avoid extreme characterizations. We want to see the person, not the mask. We provide rehearsal furniture. Costumes and elaborate properties are not appropriate, but feel free to bring simple hand props.

Be prepared to talk about yourself after the monologues. Students who audition in person are invited to tour the facilities and speak with current Whittier students. On the audition day, arrive in sufficient time to collect your thoughts before your appointment. There is a parking lot behind the Shannon Center, which is located on the northeast corner of Painter and Philadelphia Streets. If you come in the rear door (the Artists' Entrance) you will find signs directing you to the waiting room (the Green Room).

Please call the Theatre Arts Department at (562) 907-4202 to reserve a specific time for your audition. Auditions appointments are first-come, first-serve. The Theatre Department cannot accommodate live auditions on alternate dates. Students who cannot attend live auditions on February 24th must submit a Video Audition instead.

Video Auditions for Student Actors: Students unable to schedule a live audition may submit a video recording on YouTube. When uploading your video to YouTube:

- Make sure that your video is NOT set to Private
 - You may set the video to Unlisted to prevent unauthorized viewers
- Title your video “Whittier Theatre Audition: [Your Name]”
- Indicate what play your monologue comes from in the description
- Email the video's link to talent@whittier.edu

Submissions of reels, footage from production work, live public performances, etc., will not be accepted. Videos must be monologues that adhere to the same guidelines as in-person auditions.

We would like to request that you take a few minutes on that video—either before or after your monologue—to talk directly to the Scholarship Committee about yourself. Be very direct and informal; tell us about yourself, your theatre background, what you like about it, your future life and/or career plans, and anything else that you might wish to share about yourself. We want to get to know each candidate, in the limited time available, so that the Committee's decisions can be as well informed as possible.

In-Person Auditions for Designers, Technicians and Stage Managers: You don't need to do an acting audition, though you are welcome to do so. The Committee would like to see as many examples of your work as possible. Please submit a resume of your production work. Stage designers and technicians are encouraged to submit portfolio materials consisting of any of the following: photos and/or photocopies of stage designs, scene painting, lighting designs, costume designs, freehand drawing and painting, mechanical drawing, computer-aided drafting, and examples of scenery and/or costume construction. Stage managers are encouraged to submit stage management prompt books or other related materials. **Designers, Technicians, and Stage Managers must contact Professor Brian Reed at (562) 907-4831 to discuss portfolio design and schedule a meeting or phone interview.**

If you need more information about preparing for the auditions as either an actor or a designer/technician/stage manager, please feel free to contact the Talent Scholarship Program at talent@whittier.edu.

Best wishes for your audition—and break a leg!

Jennifer Holmes
Professor and Department Chair
Department of Theatre and Communication Arts

Incoming First-Year Student _____

Incoming Transfer Student _____

**Whittier College Department of Theatre Arts
Talent Scholarship Application**

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Phone: _____

Age: _____ Height (ft., in.): _____ Weight (lbs): _____

Hair: _____ Eyes: _____

Can You Sing? _____ Approx. Range _____ Read Music? _____

Play an Instrument? _____ Instrument(s): _____

Do You Dance? _____ What Styles? _____

Current School: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

Previous High School/College (if applicable): _____

Previous Teacher's Name: _____

Acting Experience: Include Play, Role, Producing Group, and Year

Technical Experience: Include Play, Assignment, Producing Group, and Year

(Email additional acting/technical theatre experience in resume, if applicable)

Email this completed form to talent@whittier.edu.

**John Greenleaf Whittier Theatre Scholarship
Instructor Recommendation Form**

Must be completed by a Theatre Instructor

Dear Colleague: _____ is applying for a Talent Award Scholarship at Whittier College. We will appreciate your help in completing the form below. The information you provide will significantly enhance our ability to make informed scholarship decisions. All information will be kept strictly confidential. Feel free to email Talent Scholarship Coordinator David Laine at talent@whittier.edu if you have any questions.

Name of Instructor: _____

School Affiliation: _____

Subject Taught: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

How long, and in what capacity, have you known the applicant?

Comment upon theatrical skills:

Comment upon social/citizenship skills:

Has this student assumed a leadership position in your program?

Can you project this student's potential for success in a Liberal Arts setting?

Will you be assisting the student in preparation of audition material?

Other Comments:

DO NOT return this completed form to the student. Email the completed form to talent@whittier.edu.

Deadlines for Incoming First-Year Students	Deadlines for Incoming Transfer Students
Fall 2018: Submit by Friday, Feb. 16	Fall 2018: Submit by Tuesday, May 1
Spring 2018: Submit by Friday, Dec. 1	Spring 2018: Submit by Friday, Dec. 1