

## Theatre Transfer Talent Scholarships

We are pleased that you are interested in competing for a Theatre Talent Scholarship. Theatre talent scholarships are offered to entering transfer applicants each year. These scholarships are valued up to \$6,000, and are renewable for up to four years of continuous study at Whittier College (or until you reach the 120 units required to graduate), 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 Transfer 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.
- Enclosed is one instructor recommendation form. It must be completed by a theatre professor, director, or private instructor. **Instructors must submit recs directly to [talent@whittier.edu](mailto: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 via YouTube. See instructions on next page for how to upload and submit your video 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 transfer talent scholarships from the Art and Music Departments, 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 **Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018**. You must be admitted to Whittier College before applying for talent scholarships, so complete your Whittier College application ASAP, before its April 15<sup>th</sup> deadline to guarantee consideration.

### Spring 2017 Applicant Deadlines:

All scholarship application materials must be received by **Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017**. You must be admitted to Whittier College before applying for talent scholarships, so complete your Whittier College application ASAP, before its November 1<sup>st</sup> deadline to guarantee consideration.

### Application Address

**All submissions must be emailed.** Scan/email your Information Form and Essay to [talent@whittier.edu](mailto: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.**

**Video Auditions for Student Actors:** You must submit a video audition on YouTube. Prepare one audition monologue to perform from a play. Audition monologues from films will not be considered. We recommend that you do a monologue (timed at about two to two-and-a-half minutes) that you believe will show you to your best advantage. Try to avoid monologues with extreme characterizations; we want to see the person, not the mask. Costumes and elaborate properties are not appropriate, but if you wish to use simple hand props or rehearsal furniture you are free to do so. **Videos of live public performances will not be accepted. Treat this monologue as you would a live audition.**

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](mailto:talent@whittier.edu)

*Please contact Talent Scholarship Program at [talent@whittier.edu](mailto:talent@whittier.edu) if you need assistance submitting your YouTube audition.*

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.

**Student Designers, Technicians, and Stage Managers:** You don’t need to do an acting audition (although you are welcome to do so). The Committee would like to see as many examples of your work as possible, so please submit a resume of your production work. Student 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. Please call Professor Brian Reed at (562) 907-4731 to discuss your portfolio and to schedule a 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 Talent Scholarship Coordinator David Laine at [talent@whittier.edu](mailto:talent@whittier.edu).

Best wishes for your audition—and break a leg!

Sincerely,

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](mailto:talent@whittier.edu).

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**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](mailto: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](mailto:talent@whittier.edu).

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