

SCHOLARSHIPS/ASSISTANTSHIPS/GRANTS

General Scholarship Information

Applications for scholarships are accepted from all freshmen and transfer students prior to their arrival on campus. Current theatre arts majors apply in conjunction with the Spring Review of Majors. A theatre department scholarship is granted for one year unless otherwise specified.

Theatre department scholarship aid is given only to full-time NDSU theatre majors. The money is awarded in two equal installments at the beginning of each semester and is used to pay part of the student's tuition costs.

Theatre Assistantships

NDSU Theatre offers six student assistantships (each valued at \$1,500 per semester, averaging ten hours a week). These assistantships in Recruitment, Theatre Accompanist, Master Electrician, Costumes, Scene Shop, and Properties are specialized and highly competitive. Applications are accepted in Spring Semester along with the Scholarship applications. An Assistantship is considered one of the valued venues for receiving scholarship money and usually those students who serve in these positions are considered leaders in our program. (Note: a student who is awarded an assistantship will not be awarded a theatre scholarship in addition.)

(NOTE: LCT Employment Opportunities: LCT offers student employment through the University work/study program. Opportunities are available in the scene shop and costume shop. Inquire at the Theatre Office or the shops for work-study opportunities.)

TYPES OF DEPARTMENTAL STUDENT AWARDS:

[Note: Candidates cannot be awarded both a Scholarship and an Assistantship, although they may apply for both.]

1. NAMED SCHOLARSHIPS

- Frederick G. Walsh
- Jim and Sonja Ozbun
- Alfred G. Arvold
- Circle of Players
- Donald E. Larew Circle of Players
- Arthur and Vera Johnson
- Margaret Richardson Lyddon Fund
- Richard Kasper Memorial
- Little Country Theatre Patron

2. STUDENT ASSISTANTSHIPS

- Publicity/Recruitment
- Costume Shop
- Scene Shop
- Props
- Master Electrician
- Theatre Accompanist

PROCESSING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS (Returning Students)

A. SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES:

1. All Scholarship/Assistantship applications must be submitted to the Faculty with supporting materials at the Spring Review of Majors.
2. Scholarship and Assistantship applications will be evaluated by the end of March.

B. THE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION:

1. Scholarship applications should be fully completed including an updated GPA and references
2. Included in the Scholarship application packet should be a current resume and transcript.
3. Several factors will come into play when deciding whether to award a scholarship and the amount (5 Units or 20% to each category):
 - a. Financial Need (1-5 units)
 - b. Talent/Potential (1 –5 units)
 - c. Seriousness of intent/attitude (1-5 units)
 - d. Scholastic Record (1-5 units)
 - e. Departmental Citizenship (1-5 units)

Regarding Assistantships: In addition to the above criteria, the applicant for a Student Assistantship must also interview with the Area Supervisor for each specified category prior to Major's Review. (Note: All Student Assistants will undergo a mid-year evaluation.)

STUDENT CONTINGENCY GRANTS

The Theatre Department has a limited amount of money which is to be used in support of student 'travel'. This fund is to be used for students involved in exceptional activities.

Recipients should be using this money to leverage other money by securing matching funds elsewhere. For example: The faculty could offer them a promise of \$X if they secure \$X elsewhere which would in turn help them to solicit/compete for funds elsewhere.

OR

Recipients should have distinguished themselves through a SPECIAL invitation or competition to present or compete at a conference/convention etc.

Application should be made through a highly persuasive, well thought-out letter containing, among other things, a budget. The letter should be addressed to the faculty and delivered to Rooth Varland. The applications are reviewed at faculty meetings. The funds would be offered on a first come basis.

The funds are for reimbursement—applied for ahead of time, but paid out after the travel has occurred.