



Neuse Little Theatre



John B. Kolcum Scholarship Fund

The John B. Kolcum Scholarship is awarded annually to a qualified graduating Johnston County high school student who shows interest, skill and talent in acting and/or technical and design aspects of theatre and wish to further develop these skills by majoring in Theatre Arts.

Application Instructions:

- Candidates for the John B. Kolcum Scholarship must:
 1. Submit an application packet, which must contain all of the following:
 - This completed application form
 - Two letters of recommendation from people who are familiar with your abilities in theatre or performance, it is recommended one should be from a current academic teacher.
 - A written essay (1-2 page) describing your interest in acting and future plans and goals for theatre and academic study
 - A resume listing your theatrical activities and accomplishments (both onstage and backstage) in high school and community theatre.
 2. The applicant must audition
 - For a personal audition, phone or write the Neuse Little Theatre to make arrangements for an appointment (919-934-1873 or e-mail dr.mills@mindspring.com)



Audition/Presentation Instructions:

Guidelines for Audition (if planning on a performance based major in Theatre Arts)

Live or videotaped auditions must include the following:

1. A memorized speech from pre-twentieth century dramatic literature, such as a monologue taken from one of William Shakespeare's plays no longer than four minutes in length
2. A memorized contemporary piece, in contrast with the Shakespeare speech, of the student's choosing at least two minutes and no longer than five minutes (this piece may be an individual monologue or may be a dialogue performed with a partner) (Performing pieces that are read rather than memorized, or simply submitting videotapes of scenes produced for high school plays is discouraged.)
3. Perform 16 bars of song with movement/dance

Guidelines for Presentation (if planning on a major in Technical Theatre Arts)

In order to apply for a technical theatre scholarship, it is necessary to complete an application packet which contains all of the following:

- This completed application form
- Two letters of recommendation from people who are familiar with your abilities in design and/or technical theatre
- A written essay (one page, typed, double-spaced) describing your interest in theatre and future plans for theatrical activity and academic study
- A list of theatrical activities and accomplishments, particularly in technical theatre



Criteria for Selection:

From the applications received, Neuse Little Theatre's John B. Kolcum Scholarship Committee will invite a limited number of finalists to audition and interview. For students with primary experience in performance, the audition will consist of a four- to five-minute presentation of two contrasting monologues (one dramatic, one humorous) selected, memorized and prepared for performance by the student. If the student's primary experience is in design/technical theatre, the auditions will consist of a four- or five-minute portfolio presentation in which the student will formally display and discuss his or her past work.

The John B. Kolcum Scholarship will be awarded based on the student's abilities as a performer, theatre technician or designer, as well as continued commitment to Theatre Arts.

The Scholarship recipient should:

1. Have and maintain a grade point average of 2.5 per term, 2.5 overall, and 3.0 in Drama courses.
2. Be planning to declare Theatre Arts as major.
3. Make a contribution (either on or back stage) to each production in the term.
4. Be enrolled in at least one drama course per term.
5. Be a full-time (12 hour load minimum) student.

I understand and agree:

- * I am responsible for maintaining the above requirements to be considered for any scholarship award.
- * An audition/portfolio review is required to receive a Theatre scholarship (or renewal)
- * The information I have submitted is correct, to the best of my knowledge.





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Application #	
Date Received:	Awarded: Y/N:

John B. Kolcum Scholarship Application

APPLICANT INFORMATION

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ DOB: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

Social Security #: _____ E-MAIL: _____

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

Name of High School: _____

Counselor's Name: _____ Rank: _____ ACT: _____

School Phone: _____ GPA: _____ SAT: _____

Graduation Date: _____ Name of References: _____

COLLEGE INFORMATION

Check the appropriate box:

- I have applied to the following college(s)
- I have been accepted and plan to attend the following college
- I am a continuing student at the following college (year entering)

Name of College(s): _____

Check concentration in Theatre:

(Check General Theatre Arts or Technical Theatre if you are unsure the specific major you are planning on perusing)

- General Theatre Arts Technical Theatre
- Acting Lighting/Sound Design
- Directing Stage Management
- Singing/Music Hair/Makeup Design
- Dance Costuming Design

AUDITION/PRESENTATION

Indicate the type of audition you intend to present:

- Performance Audition
Applicant should be prepared to present two contrasting monologues and/or sing, dance or play instrument if planning on a performance based major.
- Technical Theatre Portfolio Presentation
Applicant should be prepared to present a portfolio containing photographs, designs, or other graphic evidence of technical skill and previous experience (such as stage scenery, props, costumes, etc.)

Auditions and presentations are scheduled for **May 26, 2012**

Please send your completed application form, resume, two letters of recommendation, and a 1-2 page essay describing your ambitions as a theatre student to:

Neuse Little Theatre
 Attention: Scholarship Committee
 PO Box 1832
 Smithfield, NC 27577
 (919) 934-1873

All application materials must be mailed or hand delivered by 5:00 PM, **Saturday, May 14, 2012** to ensure consideration. Applications received after that date will be considered only if time allows.





EXPERIENCE/TRAINING

Attach a copy of your resume with a recent photo. If you do not have a resume, please fill in the information requested below.

Acting Experience:

Blank lines for entering acting experience.

Technical Experience:

Blank lines for entering technical experience.

List any special skills/training you have received, ie, dialect, dance, combat, vocal/music, etc.:

Blank lines for entering special skills/training.

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

All applicants must attach the following:

- 1. a Neuse Little Theatre "John B. Kolcum Scholarship Application Form"
2. a 1-2 page personal statement that includes a description of your:
a. professional goals;
b. human interest details (e.g., your accomplishments and reasons for studying theatre)
3. a 1-2 page current resume containing a listing of theatre-related experience and training and previous awards and honors received. This should include all work in theatre and may also include work in speech, music or dance.
4. Submit two current sealed letters of recommendation from persons, with expertise in theatre, speech, music or dance, qualified to assess your educational and artistic potential as a theatre professional, and has enough experience with you they can comment on your work. To ensure confidentiality, ask your referees to sign across the envelope seal.
5. Optional but of potential benefit to your application. You may send us photos or videos of your work. If you enclose a self-addressed and stamped envelope, we will try to return them, but we cannot take responsibility for any losses that may occur.

Did you remember to include:

- checkbox This completed form
checkbox Listing of theatrical activities
checkbox Two letters of recommendation
checkbox One 1-2 page essay
checkbox Videotape/Photographs (optional)

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SIGNATURE/RELEASE

By signing below, I give permission for Neuse Little Theatre to disclose to any review committee member the information provided in connection with this scholarship. This may include information from my educational records, letters of recommendation, and theatrical experience. If I receive an award, I agree that my name and/or photograph/likeness for public relations and marketing purposes, and am not entitled to any compensation for its use.

I understand that if any application information that I provide or that is provided on my behalf is false, misleading, or incomplete, I will not be eligible for any scholarship award, and that any scholarship awarded to me will be revoked and I will need to return any amounts paid to me. The Neuse Little Theatre may also pursue appropriate legal action. I also understand that if my circumstances change so that I no longer meet the criteria for this award, I must immediately notify the John B. Kolcum Scholarship Committee and the award will be revoked. I also understand that if I receive any scholarship, fellowship, or award, I will comply with any requirements established by the Neuse Little Theatre, and I give permission to the Neuse Little Theatre to share any information in this application with appropriate personnel.

Signature: _____ Date

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Review Team:

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