

Debi Ballas Performing Arts Scholarship
Through The Augusta Players

Description:

This scholarship is awarded to a graduating high school senior to recognize his or her 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 be planning on continuing his or her education. Additional points are given if further study is in the arts.
- The applicant must complete an essay about the importance of the arts in education.
- The applicant must have demonstrated the capacity to contribute to society as shown by activities and personal recommendations.
- The applicant must obtain three personal recommendations.
 - 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. It can be contained in the same recommendation from a teacher concerning academic abilities.
 - The other recommendation letters must be written by supervising adults not directly related to the applicant concerning his or her character and support of, or involvement in the arts.

Basis of Award:

Award will be based on academic standards and character qualities reflected in the applicant's letters of recommendation and application. The applicant's dedication, participation and support of the arts and The Augusta Players will also be considered. There are additional considerations given to applicants continuing their education in the arts. Applications will be adjudicated by a committee of no less than 5 volunteers. An example of the scoring sheet is attached to the end this application.

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 must be returned to info@augustaplayers.org by May 2, 2022. The winner will be notified by May 16, 2022 and the scholarship presented virtually in late May / early June.
4. Completed applications can also be mailed to or dropped off at The Augusta Players office:
The Augusta Players
1301 Greene Street, Suite 304
Augusta, GA 30901

Note: Winner essay may be published. Winner will be required to speak on behalf of The Augusta Players.
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APPLICATION

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

1. Please list all of The Augusta Players and / or The Augusta Jr. Players shows, events, fundraisers in which you have been involved.

2. Please list other arts activities, organizations, productions or classes in which you have been involved.

3. Please list your current GPA. _____

NOTE: Please include a copy of your most recent transcript / report card with this submission.

4. Have you applied to a continuing education institution? _____

5. If yes: A. Have you been accepted? and B. What is the name of the institution?

A. _____ B. _____

NOTE: Please include a copy of your applications or letter of acceptance with this submission.

6. What is your intended field of further educational study? _____

7. From whom 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 the importance of the arts in education.

Signed _____ Date _____

Application Checklist

	Include ALL Augusta Players/Junior Players involvement in the above application
	Include ALL high school transcripts
	One letter of recommendation from an academic teacher
	One letter of recommendation from a director or other creative team member regarding the student's arts-based contributions. (If the student is at a school where teachers have combined academic/arts responsibilities, this letter may be combined with the academic letter of recommendation.)
	One (or two) character letter(s) from a non-teacher or director. There must be a total of 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 importance of the arts in education.

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.