

Theatre Scholarship Audition and Application Instructions

Theatre Scholarship Information & Requirements

Northwest University is pleased to offer theatres scholarships to talented theatre artists. Scholarship amounts vary at the discretion of Theatre Program faculty. Scholarships are renewable for a maximum of eight semesters when scholarship recipients remain in good standing with the University. Recipients are required to be involved in at least one theatre production as assigned each year for the duration of their enrollment at Northwest University. Failure to meet these requirements may result in loss of scholarship.

Prospective students may select one of two methods by which to apply for a theatre scholarship.

Option 1: Apply by Acting Audition (video)

Because regulations pertaining to mitigating the spread of COVID-19, 2021 NU theatre scholarship acting auditions will be conducted by video.

- Videos must be no more than **8 minutes** in length total.
- Applicants should introduce themselves verbally and briefly describe any theatrical activity of the past four years.
- Applicants should present **TWO contrasting, and memorized monologues**. Maximum time for each monologue is 2 minutes (total of 4 minutes for both). Applicants are encouraged to select monologues from published stage plays, the content of which is appropriate for collegiate performers and audiences.
- Optional: Applicants may choose to present a **song**. If students elect to sing, song selection should be from an appropriate, published musical. A **minimum of 16 bars and a maximum of 32 bars** of the song should be performed.
- Videos must be submitted in a widely accessible file format (recommendations: .mp4 or .mov).

Option 2: Apply by Design/Technical Portfolio

Faculty desire to see variety in your repertoire. This is a serious application requiring a thoughtfully and meticulously organized portfolio.

- Applicants should prepare a portfolio that showcases a body of theatrical design and/or technical work.
- Portfolio should include a minimum of **4 pieces** of sample work. Suggested pieces include (but are not limited to): set renderings, production photos of sets, costume renderings, lighting plots, lighting and/or sound cue sheets, stage manager note samples.
- Portfolio may be a digital portfolio and emailed to the NU admissions office or may be a hard copy and mailed to the NU admissions office. Digital portfolios should be all in one file that is a widely recognized file type (PDF is recommended)
- Portfolios should include an **artist's statement** that verifies the portfolio work is original to the scholarship applicant along with the student's signature. A one sentence statement such as "I affirm that all of the work contained herein is my original creation" is acceptable.
- Applicants should submit **one letter of reference** from someone who can address the student's design and/or technical skills. Applicants may submit the letter to NU Admissions via email or mail.

Deadline for applications, including submission of videos and portfolios is Sunday, January 31, 2021.

Qualified applicants will be contacted to schedule an interview via teleconference in February 2021. Scholarship award recipients will be notified in April 2021.

Questions? Please contact:

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