

Theatre Scholarship Audition and Application Instructions

Theatre Scholarship Information & Requirements

Northwest University is pleased to offer theatre 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

Due to evolving COVID-19 circumstances, in-person auditions are subject to change. Student registered to audition will be notified in a timely manner of any change to dates, times, or requirements.

- Auditions typically last 10-15 minutes but may be shorter due to time constraints.
- 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.
- Applicants should submit **one letter of reference** from someone who can address the applicant's acting skill and potential as a performer. Applicants may submit the letter to Admissions before the audition or bring the letter to the audition.
- 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.
- Applicants are encouraged to arrive at least 10 minutes early to check in and warm up.

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.

Questions? Please contact:

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