

Taylor PlayMakers Scholarship Criteria

PURPOSE: To award graduating students a scholarship for college in recognition of their significant contributions to the Taylor theatre department throughout high school. Scholarships are sponsored by the Taylor PlayMakers Booster Club and winners will be announced at the annual Theatre Banquet.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: **May 4** - absolutely *no exceptions* will be allowed. Applications must be submitted to:

- Mrs. Blumber before 2:45 pm on the day of the deadline, or
- Hand delivered to Pam Morgan, Scholarship Chair, at 1611 Galleon Oaks Dr, Katy, TX 77450 before 5:00pm on the day of the deadline.

VALUE: The Taylor PlayMakers' Scholarship is not a need based scholarship. The number of scholarships and the exact value of the awards will depend on the number of eligible applicants and the results of the selection committee's evaluation of the candidates. A candidate must achieve at least 75 points from the judges in order to be considered a finalist. Not all finalists are guaranteed a scholarship. The amount of funds available for scholarships will be based upon the funds raised during the current school year. The maximum award for any student may not exceed \$1,500.

SELECTION COMMITTEE: The Selection Committee will be comprised of four Taylor High School teachers or administrators. Theatre faculty will *never* serve on the selection committee.

MINIMUM CRITERIA FOR APPLYING: Students must meet all of the eligibility requirements listed below to apply for a scholarship. Selection Committee members will individually evaluate and rate each application following a standardized assessment tool developed by the Taylor PlayMakers Scholarship Committee. The Scholarship Chair, a non-senior parent Booster Club member, will collect and tabulate all the individual application scores. Scholarships will be granted based upon total scores and may be graduated awards.

ELIGIBLE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS MUST:

- ✓ Be a graduating senior in good standing at James E. Taylor High School.
- ✓ Be a **currently** active member of the Taylor PlayMakers Company and Thespian Troupe 311 with a total of three years involvement at Taylor High School or another accredited Thespian Troupe. (*i.e. taking theatre classes, participating in shows as an actor/technician.*)
- ✓ Have the required minimum of 60 Thespian Points.
- ✓ Have a minimum GPA of 3.0 and clear discipline record. (*Must be verified by a THS Counselor.*)
- ✓ Be accepted at an eligible institution of higher education: 2 or 4 year college, university, or conservatory program. Students do not need to major in theatre to apply. To receive scholarship funds, Verification of Enrollment must be submitted to the Taylor PlayMakers Booster Club before September 30th of the award year; for deferred entry, arrangements will be made.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS: Students who meet the above criteria and are interested in applying for a scholarship must submit all of the requested information and documentation to the Committee. Any applicant that knowingly falsifies an application or submits an application completed by an outside party will be rejected. Incomplete and/or inaccurate applications will not be considered. Scholarship Committee decisions are final.

COMPLETE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS MUST INCLUDE:

- ✓ A completed Scholarship Application Form
- ✓ Resume
- ✓ Three Letters of Recommendation from the following sources:
 - 1) Primary Theatre Director
 - 2) THS Faculty Member or Administrator
 - 3) Reference of your choice
- ✓ An original, formal typed essay in 500 words or less on the listed topic.

Completed applications with all required support documents and signatures must be turned into the Scholarship Chair, Pam Morgan, in an 8.5x11 manila envelope, before the deadline. (e-mail pshrmorgan@yahoo.com with questions)