



Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Dear Reno County High School Counselor or Administrator,

Stage 9 is pleased to announce the opening of applications for Stage 9's \$500 Performing Arts Scholarship for Reno County High School Seniors. All applications must be postmarked no later than April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

This scholarship is for high school seniors who plan to major in the performing arts including, but not limited to, theatre, music, film and dance. Students may study at community colleges, private colleges or universities and public colleges or universities. Students may also pursue degrees at professional training programs (such as AMDA).

#### ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must meet the following criteria to be considered for the scholarship:

- Currently/planning to be enrolled in the upcoming academic year
- Have a minimum 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale
- Pursuing a major and career in a performing art
- Exhibit leadership ability and participate in community service activities
- Preference given to participants in Stage 9 activities and demonstrated need

#### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must send the following items (paper clipped and 3 hole punched) to be considered:

- Personal Statement which includes the reason for application, financial need, background in the performing arts and your favorite artistic experience and why it was meaningful.
- Resume (3 pages maximum) detailing your academics, extracurricular activities, honors, employment, community service, and special skills. The resume should include two references which can be contacted via email. A valid address, email and phone number for the applicant should be included in this resume.
- A recent photograph suitable for publication (i.e., senior picture, a cap and gown picture, or other professional quality and professionally dressed photograph).
- Two (2) letters of recommendation. One must come from a community arts or public service leader (i.e. director, teacher, community leader, volunteer organization).
- Transcript (all pages, in color, and legible). Non-official transcripts are accepted.

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- Date of Awards Ceremony (if high school has any) at which a Stage 9 representative can present the scholarship check. Please include the name of organizer of the awards ceremony and their contact information.

#### AWARD INFORMATION

1. \$250 will be issued the time of award or awards ceremony.
2. Two additional steps must occur prior to the remaining \$250 being awarded:
  - Students must present a 2018 Fall Schedule from their undergraduate institution which includes the recipient's major and/or has classes for their performing arts major listed. This must be mailed or emailed no later than September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018.
  - Students must prepare a 200 to 250-word essay which will be featured in "In the Limelight", Stage 9's quarterly newsletter. The essay's content will be detailed in an email after the scholarship is awarded.
3. Stage 9 reserves the right to choose not to award the scholarship for 2018 if no applicant meets approval of the staff and Board of Directors.

Again, all applications must be postmarked by April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018. All applicants will be contacted about the winning applicant no later than May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Please contact me at [charles@stage9hutch.com](mailto:charles@stage9hutch.com) if you have questions about this scholarship. No calls please.

Best wishes,

Charles Johnston, Producing Artistic Director  
Stage 9

SEND ALL APPLICATIONS TO:  
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