

# Douglas Anderson School of the Arts

## 2020 Theatre Department Scholarship FAQ's

NOTE: Please fill out the online application which can be found at this link: <https://bit.ly/2JoAa5K>

### 1. What are the scholarships?

- Arts Area Scholarships – you may apply for only one of these, in your current major
  - Musical Theatre
  - Performance Theatre
  - Technical Theatre
- Other Scholarships – you may apply for either/both of these, in addition to one in your arts major
  - Academic (minimum 3.0 Weighted GPA to apply)
  - Jackie Cornelius Award (Spirit of Douglas Anderson)

### 2. What is the Jackie Cornelius “Spirit of Douglas Anderson” Award?

- This scholarship will be awarded by the Theatre Department faculty, to a student who embodies Douglas Anderson School of the Arts’ values. In 2017 the award name was changed in honor of retiring Principal Jackie Cornelius.

### 3. What is the deadline to submit an application and supporting documentation?

- The deadline to submit your application form AND all supporting documentation is **Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.**

### 4. How/Where do I submit my application packet?

- Email your application and supporting documents to [DADramascholarships@gmail.com](mailto:DADramascholarships@gmail.com)
- ***\*\*PLEASE NOTE: The neatness/professionalism of your application materials, and presenting yourself with a professional appearance for your interview are important.***

### 5. Do I turn in my packet to a teacher or booster member?

- No, ALL application packets must be emailed

### 6. Who is eligible for these scholarships?

- Current seniors only, with the following stipulations:
  - i. Fair Share must be paid in full before scholarship deadline of April 28<sup>th</sup>
  - ii. May not have a class 3 or 4 code of conduct violation in your senior year
  - iii. For the Academic Scholarship **ONLY**, applicants must have a 3.0 minimum GPA
  - iv. Must have been accepted to a 2- or 4-year college, university or conservatory program

### 7. May I apply for more than one scholarship?

- Yes, you may apply for only one of the arts area scholarships, in your major. You may also apply for the Academic Scholarship and/or the Jackie Cornelius/Spirit of Douglas Anderson Scholarship.

### 8. May I be awarded more than one scholarship?

- No. It is our desire to recognize a variety of deserving students with these five scholarships, so you may only receive one award.

### 9. What is the value of the scholarships?

- Each scholarship is valued at \$1,000.

### 10. Is my GPA considered when evaluating my scholarship application?

- It is our desire to recognize a diversity of accomplishments/contributions. Therefore, GPA is only considered for the Academic Scholarship. GPA will not be reviewed for the other scholarships.

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### 11. What documentation is required to be submitted by the Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> deadline?

- **Application Form** - The completed Scholarship Application form
- **A 500-word essay** addressing the question, "How has your arts education influenced your life?" The essay must be typed, double-spaced.
- **A resume(s)**, which should include all of your theatre-related activities (at Douglas Anderson and outside of school), as well as any awards, honors, work experience and volunteer/service efforts. If you have separate Arts and Academic resumes, you do not need to combine them; you may turn both in.
- **Letter of College Acceptance** – a copy of your acceptance letter from the college you will be attending.
- **Official DA Transcript obtained from the Guidance Office, showing your calculated GPA** – *ONLY for Academic Scholarship applicants*

### 12. Why must my Fair Share be paid in full in order to apply?

- Fair Share is a critical component to the Theatre Department's ability to operate and serve its students. Each family, upon their child's acceptance to Douglas Anderson, signed an agreement that they understood the fair share obligation, and would fulfill that obligation each year. To ease the financial burden that many families face, the boosters have offered fundraising or other opportunities each year for students to earn part or all of their fair share. Payment arrangements have also been made available. Since booster funds are being used for the scholarship, it is only *fair* that those who have earned/paid their fair share be eligible.

### 13. Is there an interview?

- Yes, there will be a short interview, which will be scheduled after the applications have been received. It is very important that you treat this as a professional interview, and dress and prepare accordingly.

### 14. When will the scholarship award recipients be notified?

- Scholarship award recipients will be announced at the Theatre Senior Dinner (*be sure to RSVP according to the invitation instructions*).

### 15. Is a letter of recommendation required?

- No, you do not need to submit a letter of recommendation. To be fair to all applicants, if a letter of recommendation is submitted, it will not be reviewed.

### 16. Who will review the applications?

- An appointed booster scholarship committee, chaired by a DA booster parent, and whose members are from outside the school (no parent of a senior is on the committee) will be reviewing all applications and will be conducting interviews, with the exception of applicants for the Jackie Cornelius/Spirit of Douglas Anderson Scholarship. The Spirit of Douglas Anderson Scholarship award applicants will be reviewed by the Theatre faculty only.

### 17. What is that deadline again?

- All complete application packets must be emailed by April 28th at 4pm.

**Congratulations and best wishes to *all* of our seniors.**

**We are very proud of the class of 2020!**