### Dripping Springs Theatre Booster Club Scholarship Program

Dripping Springs Theatre Booster Club (DSTBC) is happy to use fundraising funds to grant scholarships for the graduating seniors of the Dripping Springs High School Theatre Program.

The purpose of the scholarship is to reward students who contributed to the betterment of the program, and to support any future education the student wishes to pursue. The scholarship applications are evaluated for contribution reasons and are not meant to be evaluated by financial aid needs or academic achievement. A minimum of four (4) \$1,000.00 scholarships will be awarded. The quantity and value of the scholarships will not be lower than the above stated awards, but may be higher based on the number of applicants and funds available in the current school year and will be decided by the Scholarship Committee.

This document includes details of the Scholarship Program and the Scholarship Application Form.

#### MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- 1. Be a graduating senior at Dripping Springs High School
- 2. Be a contributing student of the Theatre Department
- 3. Have completed at least one Level II or higher Theatre or Technical Theatre class
- 4. Participated in at least one DSHS theatrical production (to include auditions, after-school rehearsals, performances, tech work days, etc.)
- 5. Carry a current overall minimum (weighted) GPA of 2.5 and be passing all current semester classes at the time of application due date
- 6. Show evidence of intent to attend a two- or four-year institution of higher learning or trade school but are NOT required to declare a theatre-related major for eligibility

#### **APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:**

All of the following must be submitted to the <a href="mailto:president@dstheatre.org">president@dstheatre.org</a> email address by the due date of May 1st, 2024 by 11:59pm CDT. Each section listed below should be emailed together in one email (separate attachments are allowed), however the letters of recommendation can be directly emailed to the address above by the author.

- Completed Application Form (note you will need a director's signature for productions listed)
- At least two letters of recommendation, with at least one from a school source (teacher, director, counselor, administrator) and a second from either a school source or a non-school source (employer, church leader, mentor, volunteer organization leader, etc.)
- A copy of a letter of acceptance, signature page of the admission application, or comparable documentation to a two- or four-year institution of higher learning. These may include universities, community colleges, or technical/trade schools.
- Copy of DSHS Interim 4A Grade Report for the current school year (only to be used to confirm current passing status of all classes) found in Skyward
- Copy of UNOFFICIAL MIDYEAR TRANSCRIPT for the current school year (only to be used for confirmation of theatre classes) found in Skyward

#### SELECTION PROCESS

The current president or an eligible officer will retrieve all applications from the email account, and confirm that the applicant meets the Eligibility Requirements listed above. Each ELIGIBLE application will then be cleaned of all name references for anonymity and passed to the Scholarship Committee for evaluation. Applications will be reviewed and scored by the Scholarship Committee. Parents of current graduating theatre students are not eligible to serve on this committee or to retrieve the application. The President/Officer will retain the anonymity of all applicants and will not be an evaluator.

Scholarship Committee evaluators will include, at a minimum:

- 1. One elected officer of the DSTBC
- 2. One representative from the school administration (but not a current theatre director/instructor)
- 3. One board member of the DSTBC

#### **SCORING**

Each application will be graded on a 100 point scale. Ties will be broken by the highest overall weighted GPA. If this does not break the tie, then scholarship money will be divided equally among tying applicants.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT AND PAYMENT

Recipients will be announced at the end of year DSHS Theatre Thespian banquet. Scholarship money will be paid directly to the student in the form of a check, with the understanding that the money will be used to further the student's pursuit of higher education.

# DRIPPING SPRINGS THEATRE BOOSTER CLUB SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

**All sections must be filled out completely.** You may answer the questions within this document, or attach your answers on a separate sheet. The application may be handwritten or typed.

1.	Student Name as it appears on school documentation:
2.	Preferred Approved Name to be used at banquet:
3.	Pronoun(s) to be used at banquet:
4.	Mailing Address:

5.	Personal (not school) Email Address:_	
6.	Cell Phone:	

7.	What college/university or technical/trade school do you plan to attend in the fall?	

9	Yes (attach copy of letter of acceptance)
10	No (attach copy of signature page of application or comparable documentation)
11. What i	s your planned major(s):

(Note: a theatre-related major is NOT required to be eligible for this scholarship and plays no role in the award of a scholarship. We are just curious!)

## Part II - High School Theatre History – 50 points

8. Have you been accepted for admission?

Part I: Informational

A. Educ	cational C	lasses:	Please list	all DSHS	theatre/tec	h theatre	courses	you took	by year. `	You may i	include
courses	taken at a	another h	igh schoo	l if you tra	nsferred in.	(Add add	ditional lir	nes/sheet	s as nece	essary):	

eshman Year:	
phomore Year:	
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**B. DSHS Productions:** Please list all DSHS productions you were involved in, the year, and your role(s). (Add additional lines/sheets as necessary):

	Director Name and Signature of Confirmation of Roles listed above:  Name: Signature:								
C. DSHS The	spian Club	o Troup 6261:							
Thespian Club	Member (Y/N)	Officer (Y/N) & Position	Thespian Festival Events & Workshops Attended						
Freshman									
Sophomore									
Junior									
Senior									

Part III: School/Community Contributions – 20 points

Dripping Springs Community in general. Please list any participation in DSHS activities and/or non-theatre-related organizations. This could include outside theatre productions, training, student-led production roles, workshop roles, committees, HAYA roles, UIL Technical Theatre submittals, Honor Society, Student Council, Choir/Band/Photography, volunteer work, jobs held, etc. (Add additional lines/sheets as necessary):
Part IV – Essay – 30 points
Answer the following questions in complete sentences. You can write as one essay (approximately 300 words) or break the questions into paragraphs (approximately 100 words each). Please be sure to answer all 3 questions for maximum points. Typing is not required, but points are awarded for neatness/readability as well as spelling, punctuation, grammar and content. (Attach a separate sheet if desired.)
How has your participation helped DSHS theatre?
<ul><li>2. What skills/traits did you gain from being a DSHS Theatre member?</li><li>3. How will your DSHS Theatre experience impact your life in the future?</li></ul>

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