



## Theatre Under The Stars

### Tommy Tune Awards Scholarship Guidelines

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#### WHAT ARE THE TOMMY TUNE SCHOLARSHIPS?

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Each year, Theatre Under The Stars awards scholarships of at least \$1,000 to outstanding students from the forty-five (45) high schools participating in this year's Tommy Tune Awards (TTA). These students range from performers, designers, directors, technicians, choreographers, and musicians who have been involved in their school's Tommy Tune production.

Since its inception in 2002, TUTS and the Tommy Tune Awards have rewarded 99 students university scholarships, totaling \$290,000 in individual arts-based scholarships.

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#### HOW DOES THIS WORK?

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Each participating Tommy Tune school is provided with the scholarship guidelines and applications. This information will be provided to the schools' director and counselor. We ask each individual to review the documents and insure that they are provided to the eligible seniors in their respective programs.

This year, scholarship applications will be submitted electronically. This submission includes scanned documents of all transcripts and acceptance letters. If there is a student who would like to apply but does not have the technical opportunity to scan the necessary documents, they can contact Theatre Under The Stars Education and arrangements can be made.

To find the link to the Tommy Tune Scholarship Application:

- Go to the TUTS/Tommy Tune webpage and click on Tommy Tune Scholarship Opportunities.
- Go to <https://www.cognitoforms.com/TheatreUnderTheStars1/ScholarshipApplication2017>

**Applications must be received by February 17th, 2017 at noon.**

The Tommy Tune Scholarship Committee is made up of Theatre Under The Stars (TUTS) Board Members and community leaders who thoroughly review all the applications and select the recipients. The scholarship recipients are announced the evening of the awards ceremony, **Tuesday, April 18, 2017**.

## STUDENT QUALIFICATIONS:

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- Must have been an active participant in their school's musical entered in this year's Tommy Tune Awards.
- Applicants are required to attend the awards show.
- Must be a graduating senior.
- Must plan to major in theatre, music, dance, arts administration, technical theatre, stage management, light/set/wardrobe design or theatre/music/dance education in college.
- Must maintain a "B" average or above in all areas of academic study.
- Must have participated in theatrical activities throughout the majority of their high school career.

## DOCUMENT REQUIREMENTS – INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED:

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- Academic Record: Copy of student transcript or academic record
- Student Essay: In 500 words or less, student must describe what the performing arts means to them and why they want to pursue this area of study in their college education. This essay is very critical and is the student's only introduction to the committee. The essay needs to be complete and insightful as to why they are choosing this career path.
- Teacher Recommendation: In 500 words or less, describe the student's participation in school and/or extra-curricular theatre activities.
- Proof of Acceptance to a College or University: Copy of an acceptance letter or other proof of acceptance to an institution of higher learning in the coming year.

\*\*In order for scholarship checks to be sent to the recipient's school of choice, letters of acceptance to University AND qualifying program must be provided. \*\*

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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**Please Contact:** Tommy Tune Awards, ATTN: TTA Scholarships

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Our team is ready and willing to work with students, teachers, and counselors who have questions about our scholarship program. Please do not hesitate to reach out.

**We look forward to your application!**

