

WINTHROP UNIVERSITY

COLLEGE OF VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE AND DANCE

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION FOR 2025-2026

The Winthrop University Department of Theatre and Dance offers scholarships to qualified freshmen and transfer students who demonstrate a high level of achievement and **plan to be theatre or dance majors**. They awarded through competitive auditions or portfolio reviews/interviews. On campus Audition dates for students entering in Fall 2025 will be March 1, 2025. Also we will be at SETC, March 19-23, 2025 and can audition you there. The primary portal for auditions will be that you can submit a video audition via : <http://getacceptd.com/for-students>.

Dean's Meritorious Award (DMA) is a special talent grant awarded for artistic prowess.

For in-state students the DMA ranges from \$1000-\$3000.

For out-of-state students The DMA grant includes an out-of-state tuition waiver.

THE DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE AND DANCE

The programs of the Department of Theatre and Dance in the College of Visual and Performing Arts are among the most outstanding in the state and southeast region. Degrees include **B.A. Dance, B.A. Dance with Teacher Certification, B.A. Theatre** with concentrations in **Acting, Design/Technical Theatre, Musical Theatre, and B.A. Theatre with Teacher Certification**. Winthrop University is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Dance (NASD) and National Association of Schools of Theatre (NAST).

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

There are two options for auditioning for a theatre or dance scholarship

OPTION I: Attend a scholarship audition session at Winthrop University

1. Complete and return the *Theatre and Dance Scholarship Application Form* at least two weeks prior to your chosen audition date (**attached at the end of this document**).
2. Include a *letter of recommendation* from a drama or dance teacher who is familiar with your performance, design, or technical theatre skills and abilities.
3. Include a headshot of yourself.

AUDITION/INTERVIEW REQUIREMENTS AND CONSIDERATIONS

- Applicants should come to Johnson Hall by 10:00 a.m. on their audition/interview date.
- During your visit you will be given an opportunity to talk with the faculty and students in the program, to tour the beautiful facilities in Johnson Hall, and to have your audition or portfolio review/interview.
- You can expect to be on campus until about noon.
- You do not have to be admitted to Winthrop University in order to audition, but preference will be given to admitted students when the faculty meets to select students for the scholarship awards.
- The faculty considers academic achievement along with talent demonstrated at the audition.

- To be considered for a Dean's Meritorious Scholarship you do not have to select a specific concentration at this point as long as you plan to major in theatre or dance.
- Applicants should expect notification about the scholarships around the end of March.

I. Dance Auditions (for majors interested in dance or dance education)

- Prepare two short dance combinations of different styles, no more than 2 minutes each.
- Please no tumbling, dance team, cheerleading, or tap routines.
- Dress appropriately for dance and bring necessary footwear.
- Dancers will perform the pieces for a panel of theatre and dance faculty.
- Dancers will have a brief interview with the faculty panel after the audition.
- Dancers should provide their music on a CD or pluggable digital device.

II. Theatre Auditions (for majors interested in performance, musical theatre, and theatre education)

- Option A (Performance): Prepare two short audition monologues, no more than 2 minutes each. Pieces should be contrasting (one could be classical, one modern; or one comedic and the other dramatic, etc.) and should be within the actor's age and physical range.
- Option B (For Musical Theatre): Prepare one monologue of any dramatic genre and two contrasting songs (32 bars each of music).
- Musical Theatre: Prepare two short dance combinations of different styles, no more than 2 minutes each.
- Singers there will be a live accompanist available, please bring your sheet music.
- Actors will perform the pieces for a panel of the theatre and dance faculty.
- Actors will have a brief interview with the faculty panel after the audition.

III. Portfolio Review/Interview (theatre majors interested in theatre design and technology)

- If you have any examples of lighting, costume or set designs, you will have an opportunity to show your work to the theatre faculty and discuss your work. Your portfolio may include renderings, ground plans, concept statements, schedules, production photos, or anything else that reflects your theatre experience.
- If you have not done any formal design work but have samples of drawings or other artwork, you may present those to the faculty

Please Mail Completed Form to:
Daniel Gordon, Department Chair
Dept. of Theatre and Dance
115 Johnson Hall
Winthrop University
Rock Hill, SC 29733

Option II: Apply through Getacceptd.com (with video audition piece)

1. Go to: <http://getacceptd.com/for-students> and set up your account with Getaccepted.com.
2. Follow the instructions on that website in order to upload video of your audition pieces (two monologues, one monologue and one song, two dance combinations) or images of your portfolio.
3. Apply for a scholarship at Winthrop through that web platform. Our faculty will review your application and video audition.
4. Applicants should expect notification about the scholarships around the end of March.

THEATRE AND DANCE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

[Please TYPE or PRINT legibly in ink]

Today's date _____

Name _____ Sex: ___M___F

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Citizenship (check one):

USA Legal Permanent resident of the United States – Citizen of _____
Required: Provide a copy of both sides of your permanent resident card.

Foreign, citizen of _____ Country of Birth _____ USCIS visa classification?

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals

Check your requested on-campus audition/interview date:

March 1, 2025__ at 10:00 a.m.

I am planning to major in (check one):

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| ___ B.A. Theatre (performance) | ___ B.A. Dance |
| ___ B.A. Theatre (design/technical theatre) | ___ B.A. Dance with Teacher |
| ___ B.A. Theatre with Teacher Certification | Certification |
| ___ B.A. Theatre (musical theatre) | |

Name of high school (or college, if transferring) _____

Class ranking _____ Current GPA _____

Most recent SAT or ACT composite test score _____ Date Taken _____

Have you applied for admission to Winthrop University **as a theatre/dance major**? ___Yes___No

Have you been admitted **as a theatre or dance major**? ___Yes___No

List below any dance or theatre training you have had: (If you have a résumé, you may attach it to the application.)

List below any production experience you have had. Include the name and place where the production was done and describe how you participated (for example, the name of the role, name of the dance piece, design or technical responsibilities). (If you have a résumé, you may attach it to the application.)

Please list below any honors or awards you have received during high school along with other information concerning your theatre or dance experience that would assist us in considering your application for a scholarship.

PLEASE ATTACH A HEADSHOT TO THIS APPLICATION.

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Please see <http://www.winthrop.edu/finaid/academicscholarships/>
For a full list of scholarships Winthrop offers to in-state and out of state students

For office use only

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