

MHSDG Scholarship Program

Purpose:

To recognize the talents of college-bound high school seniors and reward their excellence in the areas of performance and scenic design.

The Drama Guild, through the sponsorship of such generous donors as The Boston Globe Foundation, will award a designated number of scholarships to eligible high school seniors based on talent demonstrated in an acting audition or a set design presentation. Since its inception in 1992, the MHSDG has awarded \$60,000 to 100 college-bound students.

Eligibility:

The applicant's high school must be a member of the Massachusetts High School Drama Guild during the academic year of his or her application to the Scholarship Program.

Each recipient must matriculate as a full-time student in an institution of higher learning by September of the calendar year in which the scholarship is awarded. In the event a recipient fails to enroll by September, the award will be forfeited. MHSDG, Inc. must receive official proof of matriculation (copy of tuition bill) before the award is issued.

Financial need is not a factor in determining scholarship recipients. A recipient may use the scholarship for any area of academic pursuit.

MHSDG, Inc. reserves the right not to award the full number of available scholarships. Results of the judges' decisions will be posted on the MHSDG web site, and winners will be notified in writing. Winners will be recognized during the Awards Ceremony at the culmination of The Boston Globe Drama Festival State Finals.

Application Process and Fee:

Students must complete and submit a "Scholarship Application Form" signed by a sponsoring teacher.

There is a \$10.00 non-refundable fee per application.

Application Deadlines:

The "Scholarship Application Form," signed by both the applicant and the sponsoring teacher, must be postmarked by the appropriate application deadline and sent to the address listed on the form. Applications postmarked after that date will not be accepted.

The application deadline for Set Design is October 20.

The application deadline for Acting is November 1.

Since applicants for the set design scholarship will receive specific competition guidelines, they are advised to apply early to assure themselves sufficient preparation time.

Scholarship Competition Dates and Locations:

The **acting scholarship** competition will be held on Saturday, December 13, 2008 at **St. John's Prep School in Danvers, MA**. In the event of a snow emergency, the competition will be held on Sunday, December 14.

The **set design scholarship** competition will be held on Saturday, December 13, 2008 at **St. John's Prep School in Danvers, MA**. In the event of a snow emergency, the competition will be held on Sunday, December 14.

Audition Process:

The emphasis during the auditions is on presentation and performance. Each applicant must perform two contrasting pieces, not to exceed a total time limit of four minutes. The timer will stop the clock between monologues and will call time if the four-minute limit for the two selections is exceeded. Auditions must be solo presentations.

Before each audition, the applicant will be allowed to set the stage; one straight-backed chair and one small table will be provided. No additional set pieces or sound will be permitted. Costumes and props are not permitted. Applicants should wear simple clothing that allows for ease of movement. No special lighting will be available.

Depending on the number of applications submitted, a preliminary audition may be necessary. In this case, the preliminary audition will be held on the morning of the event. Finalists from the preliminary audition will be required to repeat their performances in the afternoon. Finalists must attend the entire audition process to be eligible for a scholarship.

Judges may interview finalists; however, due to time constraints, judges will not give oral or written critiques.

Set Design Process:

Upon receipt of the "Scholarship Application Form," MHS DG will mail the applicant specific guidelines for the submission of a set design entry. The applicant will select a scene from a published play of his or her choosing and design a set for that choice. The guidelines will also include information about formats and materials to be used.

The applicant's design concept must be original and its rendering must be exclusively his or her own work. Judging will be based on the quality of the design's concept and execution and its appropriateness to the selected play.

Design applicants will present their entries in person on the day of the scholarship competition. Judges will interview design applicants; however, due to time constraints, judges will not give oral or written critiques. Further information regarding the day's schedule will be provided at a later date.

Recognizing that good set design takes careful thought and detailed preparation, applicants are advised to apply well in advance of the October 20 deadline.

GUIDELINES FOR THE AUDITION AND SET DESIGN COMPETITIONS CAN BE FOUND ON THE GUILD'S WEB SITE: www.mhsdg.com.

MHSDG Scholarship Application Form

Acting

Set Design

TYPE OR PRINT — CLEARLY AND BOLDLY. USE BLACK INK ONLY. SPONSORING TEACHER'S SIGNATURE AND THE \$10 NON-REFUNDABLE FEE MUST ACCOMPANY EACH APPLICATION. DO NOT ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS. APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED FROM MEMBER SCHOOLS ONLY.

SET DESIGN DEADLINE: OCTOBER 20

ACTING DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 1.

Applicant's Name: _____ Date of Graduation: _____

Home Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____ Phone Number: () _____

High School: _____ Phone Number: () _____

School Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-mail Address _____

(Print clearly. Use capitals and distinguish clearly between letters and numbers.)

Applicant's Age: _____ Sex: _____ Social Security Number: _____

NOTE WELL: This application will be returned unprocessed to sender if Social Security number is not provided.

Is your school a 2008–09 member of MHSDG? _____

Name of Sponsoring Teacher _____

If applicable, what was the title of your school's last Festival production? _____

If applicable, list below the Festival productions in which you have participated:

Year	Production	Role/Position
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RÉSUMÉ

In the space provided, list your theatrical experience in school, community and/or professional productions.

PLEASE INCLUDE FESTIVAL EXPERIENCE LISTED ON THE FIRST PAGE OF THIS FORM.

YEAR	PRODUCTION	ROLE/POSITION	PRODUCING ORGANIZATION

List special theatre-related training, talents, or courses taken.

Applicant's Signature	Date	Sponsoring Teacher's Signature	Date
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Mail completed form and \$10 non-refundable fee per application to:

MASSACHUSETTS HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA GUILD,

P.O. BOX 93,

CHELMSFORD, MA 01824

Make checks payable to MHSDG, Inc