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## **The John W. Lynn Performing Arts Scholarship Guidelines**

Established in 1966, The Kirk Players is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to enrich, educate and entertain our community by providing a superior theatre experience, to give back to our community with an emphasis on the arts, and to create a safe and inclusive environment. The John W. Lynn Performing Arts Scholarship is provided by the Kirk Players and given in honor of John Lynn's devotion to recognizing students with talent in the performing arts. Since 2000, the Kirk Players has awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to a student at Mundelein High School.

### **Application Criteria:**

- Must be a graduating senior at Mundelein High School
- Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 (Transcript Required)
- Must have participated in at least 6 performances during your high school career.
- Seeking graduating seniors with a record of volunteerism in the community in non-school sponsored activities and participation in extracurricular school activities
- Must be accepted or plan to be enrolled as a full-time freshman in the coming fall at an institute of higher learning. Upon acceptance, the scholarship will be paid directly to the school. It is the student's responsibility to submit the Bursar or Tuition Payment Office mailing address and student identification before matriculation.
- Must be intending to pursue a degree in the performing arts.

**Application deadline: February 28th, 2026, by 11:59 p.m.**

Email one copy of a completed typed application package (This includes signed application, school transcript, 1 recommendation letter from a performing arts faculty member, 1 recommendation from non-performing arts faculty member, photo & social media consent form and essay) to: [info@kirkplayers.org](mailto:info@kirkplayers.org)

The recipient of the Kirk Players Scholarship will be determined based on the information provided by the applicant. Although the scholarship is awarded primarily based on academic achievement and school performances, other considerations such as extra-curricular activities – may play a part in the selection process. It is necessary that the applications be thorough and complete and that all questions are answered.

The \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to one Mundelein High School student selected by the Scholarship Committee of the Kirk Players. The committee reserves the right to interview all finalists in this scholarship competition. This scholarship will be awarded in March 2026.



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Please <b>type</b> your answers.	
1.	Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
2.	Mailing Address Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
3.	Daytime Telephone Number: (     ) _____ Email Address: _____
4.	Date of Birth:   Month           Day           Year           Gender: _____
5.	Name of Parent/Guardian: _____
6.	Name & address of parent(s) or legal guardian(s): <b>(Include address if different than your own listed in Question 2.)</b> Name(s) : _____ Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____  Home phone of parents or legal guardians: _____ Work phone: _____  Email Address: _____
7.	Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ (On a 4.0 scale) Attach proof of GPA. Your most recent school transcript is required.
8.	A. If you have decided on what college you will attend, please list school name:  B. If not, list your top 3 college choices:
9.	Intending to pursue Degree and Major: _____
10.	Please list the high school performances in which you have participated. List the specific production or performance, role performed (lead/supporting/ensemble/crew/tech), and year. <i>(Attach a separate sheet if more space is needed.)</i>
11.	Please list any high school performing arts honors, awards, or other recognitions you have received. Please list the title and year awarded. <i>(Attach a separate sheet if more space is needed.)</i>



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12.	Please list any performances in which you have participated in outside of high school (example: community theater, workshop, etc.) List the specific production or performance, role performed, and year. <i>(Attach a separate sheet if more space is needed.)</i>
13.	In what other high school extracurricular activities have you participated and what honors, if any, did you receive as a result?
14.	List other involvement in volunteered community activities (examples: nonprofit organization, Girl Scouts/Boy Scouts, community projects, local government, hospitals, nursing homes, community centers, etc.)
16.	<b>On a separate sheet please type an essay (500-750 words) answering the questions below:</b> When and how did you get involved with performing arts? How has being involved in the performing arts shaped you as an individual and what do you believe that you will gain from further arts training? Share a memory or moment that you realized that you wanted to pursue performing arts in your higher education and potential career? What are your career goals in performing arts? Outside of school, what community activities are you involved with and how have you made a positive impact? What challenges or obstacles have you experienced in performing arts and how did you overcome them? Why should you be chosen as the recipient of this scholarship?



## STATEMENT OF ACCURACY FOR STUDENTS

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent (*consent form required*) that if chosen as a scholarship winner my picture may be taken and used to promote The John. W Lynn Scholarship program. (The Winner may waive the photo due to unusual or compelling circumstances.)

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, according to John W. Lynn Scholarship policy, it is my responsibility to remit to Kirk Players the appropriate information for my scholarship to be paid directly to my educational institution prior to the start of the first semester.

I hereby understand I will not submit this application without all required attachments and supporting information. Incomplete applications or applications that do not meet eligibility criteria will not be considered for this scholarship.

**Signature of scholarship applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Checklist

- \_\_\_ Application
- \_\_\_ Essay
- \_\_\_ 2 Recommendation Letters (1 Performing Arts & 1 Non-Performing Arts)
- \_\_\_ School Transcript
- \_\_\_ Photo & Social Media Consent Form
- \_\_\_ Performance Activity Sheets/Resume (*if additional space needed for questions 10-14*)

### **MAIL COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKAGE TO KIRK PLAYERS AT:**

**Kirk Players Scholarship  
781 S. Midlothian Rd. #157  
Mundelein, Illinois 60060**

**OR**

**Email to: [info@kirkplayers.org](mailto:info@kirkplayers.org) with subject line  
"MHS/John W. Lynn Scholarship Application"**

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## Photo Release and Social Media Consent Form

I hereby grant Kirk Players, its representatives and employees, permission to use and/or publish photographs or videos of myself in print and/or electronically. I understand and agree that these materials will become the property of Kirk Players and will not be returned. I hereby authorize Kirk Players to edit, alter, copy, exhibit, publish, or distribute the photograph or video for purposes of publicizing their programs or for any other lawful purpose. In addition, I waive my rights to any compensation arising or related to the use of the photographs or videos. I release and discharge Kirk Players from any and all claims arising out of use of the photos or videos for any lawful purpose such as for publicity, illustration, advertising, and Web content.

Additionally, I grant Kirk Players, and its agents and employees, the irrevocable and unrestricted right to reproduce the photographs and/or video images taken by me, or members of my family, for the use of publication, promotion, illustration, advertising, or trade, in any manner or in any medium. I hereby release Kirk Players and its legal representatives for all claims and liability relating to said images or video. Furthermore, I grant permission to use my statements that were given during discussion, interview, or other communication, with or without my name, for the purpose of advertising and publicity without restriction. I waive my right to any compensation.

In the case of minors, Kirk Players has my permission to use photo or video of my child or legal custody with all the permissions outlined above. I understand that the images may be used in print publications, online publications, presentations, websites, and social media. I also understand that no royalty, fee or other compensation shall become payable to me by reason of such use.

**Name of scholarship applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of scholarship applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Parent/Guardian if student under 18:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Parent/Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



## Scholarship Acceptance Criteria

The scholarship recipient must submit the following requirements by **March 30<sup>th</sup> 2026**.

- Headshot
- 200 words or less Bio - Tell us who you are, what school you will be attending, what degree you will be pursuing, and what are your aspirations in performing arts.
- 90 sec or less video - Tell us who you are, acceptance speech for John W. Lynn Scholarship, how performing arts positively impacted your community and life, what advice/encouragement could you give to someone who is thinking about pursuing and/or getting involved with performing arts.

Instructions on how to submit acceptance materials will be provided in the announcement email.