

SLT PERFORMING ARTS & EDUCATION **SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

The Smithfield Little Theatre Performing Arts & Education Scholarship Fund was created in honor of our 50th year Anniversary. The purpose of the scholarship is to provide financial support to a deserving student who has shown interest in the performing arts and is pursuing higher education at a two or four year accredited college or university.

SLT will be awarding a onetime \$1,000.00 (one thousand dollars) scholarship each year to a high school graduating senior in the Western Tidewater area and Surry, which includes: Isle of Wight, Suffolk, Franklin and Southampton County. In the event an eligible H.S. senior isn't chosen, a current undergraduate student, that meets all the criteria, will be considered.

The scholarship recipient will be evaluated by a selection board appointed by the scholarship chairperson; independent from the Smithfield Little Theatre Board of Directors.

Criteria for Applicants

1. Must have been accepted or will be attending an accredited two or four year college or university as a full-time student.
2. Must use the scholarship for the academic year it was awarded; starting with the Fall semester of said year.
3. Must possess "above average" scholastic, academic and extracurricular achievements.
4. Must have traits that exemplify high moral character (i.e. honesty, self respect, reliability, self control, personality, service, patriotism and responsibility).
5. Should also possess leadership ability and be actively involved in school and community activities.
6. ****IF *home-schooled*, additional criteria may need to be met - including, but not limited to - scholarship funds will be disbursed AFTER the first semester transcript.**
7. Applicants may only apply once.

Payment of Scholarship Benefits

The SLT Performing Arts & Education Scholarship will be paid upon receipt of an original "Proof of Enrollment" statement on school letterhead. The check will be made payable to the applicant **and** the college or university, jointly. The applicant **must** provide the schools policy for "proof of enrollment" within thirty **(30) days** of being awarded the scholarship. The recipient will then be assigned a deadline date to submit verification of enrollment.

This year's scholarship recipient will be announced no later than **Friday, May 24th, 2019.**

***SLT is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization that serves the local community and does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, color, creed, religion or national origin in the awarding of its scholarship. **Revised 05/15/2018**