



Twin City Theater Academy 2024: Scholarship Application Process

TCTA offers scholarship options for participants based on financial eligibility and performing arts interests and experience. This form provides an overview of the scholarships available for TCTA and the application process for 2024.

FINANCIAL AID SCHOLARSHIP

SCHOLARSHIP OPTION 1: The financial aid scholarship provides support to families with qualifying tiers determined by financial need. Assistance is offered in the form of a reduction in the Twin City Theater Academy registration enrollment fee. Available fee waivers include a 25% reduction, 50% reduction, or a 75% reduction as determined by income and eligible expenses, with scholarships awarded in order based on highest qualifying need first. Fee waiver awards can be applied to theater registrations for both performance and tech track options.

- **To apply: please complete the “Saco Parks and Recreation Fee Waiver Application”.** We will begin accepting fee waiver applications starting April 23, 2024.
 - **Application:** This form is available to download at www.sacorec.com.
 - **Applicant eligibility:** this scholarship is open for all TCTA participants to apply and will be awarded based on financial eligibility.
 - **Complete packet:** A complete fee waiver packet includes the completed form and copies of required supporting documentation for income and expenses.
 - **Submitting the form:** The form includes detailed instructions on required documentation and how/where to submit your application to the Saco Parks and Recreation Department.
 - **Review:** Applications are reviewed by SPR Director Ryan Sommer.

PERFORMING ARTS SCHOLARSHIP

SCHOLARSHIP OPTION 2: The performing arts scholarship is awarded to participants in grades 6-10 based on their experience with acting, dance, and music. Available performing arts scholarships cover 50% of the Twin City Theater Academy registration enrollment fee for a production and can be applied towards performance enrollments only.

- **To apply: Applicants must submit a written statement of intent via email to parksandrec@sacomaine.org.** We will begin accepting applications starting April 23, 2024.
 - **Applicant eligibility:** this scholarship is open to TCTA participants in grades 6-10 and is designed for intermediate to advanced level performers. Applicants should have a strong passion for theater and the capacity for auditioned roles, including the ability to learn dialogue, choreography, and perform songs within our two-week production timeframe.
 - **What to include in the statement:** the statement should outline previous experience in performing arts, area of interest (acting, dance, music), what they appreciate most about being involved in the performing arts, and anything additional they would like to include.
 - **Completing the statement:** Whether the participant writes the statement or a parent/guardian writes the statement on behalf of their child will be determined by the family.
 - **Submitting the statement:** completed statements should be sent by email from the parent/guardian to parksandrec@sacomaine.org.
 - **Review:** Applications will be reviewed by staff from Twin City Theater Academy and the Saco Parks and Recreation Department. Considerations for this scholarship include a combination of experience and casting needs for productions.

SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABILITY and DEADLINE

There are a limited number of scholarships for the Theater Academy program. These scholarships are funded in part by donations and sponsorships, and support from the Saco Parks and Recreation Department. **The deadline for all applications is Wednesday, May 22nd.** Scholarships will be awarded end of May for the 2024 season.