

THE MUDDY WATER PLAYERS FOUNDATION
SHEPARD COLEMAN PERFORMING ARTS AWARD

ELIGIBILITY & CONDITIONS

Any student in an Orange County, N.Y. school or resident of Orange County, N.Y. may apply. Individuals from outside Orange County, N.Y. may only apply if they have participated in a recent Creative Theatre - Muddy Water Players' activity. Minimum age is 16 years old.

The award is intended to be applied toward the cost of furthering education in the performing arts. The cash award of \$1,000 is given to the winner only after proof of registration or completion in a performing arts related program (class) is provided to the Committee. Award winners have up until two years from the time of winning the award to present this documentation.

For this reason, it is unwise to apply unless there is a strong likelihood that the candidate will be taking a performing arts class or participating in such a program in the coming two years.

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. The MWPF Award Committee has recognized two characteristics that best reflect performing arts achievement. Specific statements (in the form of an essay) and supportive evidence of the two characteristics listed below must be submitted with your application.

- a. **Service** to school and/or community through the performing arts
- b. **Leadership**, which is characterized by integrity, compassion, and perseverance

All applicants are asked to be concise in their statements and limit the essay to 400 words.

2. Applicants should obtain letters of recommendation from the following to be included in their submitted papers:

- a. One performing arts related individual
- b. One community/school leader

3. Applicants should be prepared to discuss how they intend to satisfy the requirements for utilizing the financial award given the "Eligibility and Conditions" stated above.

4. The MWPF screening committee will meet with and interview all finalists. The award recipient is chosen on the overall quality of his/her application. If applicable, candidates will be asked to prepare a short example of their work or present a portfolio to the committee. All applicants will be notified of the results.

6. The successful candidate will be recognized by a member of the MWPF Award Committee at a public meeting or performance.

7. Previous award winners must wait at least two years before re-applying for this award.

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Application Form

[Please Print Neatly]

Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Date of Birth _____

Qualification: _____ Student in Orange County, N.Y. Schools

Please enter school name: _____

_____ Resident of Orange County, N.Y.

_____ Other (**major** participant in recent Creative Theatre - MWP activity)

Please Check: _____ I have read and understand the “Eligibility & Conditions” and the “Application Process” described on page 1.

Please attach your essay and two letters of recommendation (see “Application Process” described on page 1).

The Shepard Coleman Performing Arts Award is given annually to a candidate who best exemplifies artistic achievement in the performing arts.

Minimum age of applicants is 16 years old.

Completed applications must be submitted to the Muddy Water Players Foundation,

P. O. Box 410, Monroe, New York 10949

Applications must be postmarked by May 1, 2018

Applicants must be available for interviews on June 09, 2018. Interviews will be held at The Playhouse at Museum Village.

Any questions regarding the Scholarship or the application process may be directed to Robin Evans at 845 - 551-7106.