

Information about The Producers Scholarships

The Producers will award \$1,500 to nine students who complete the full application process below. These students should have plans to continue the arts after graduation. Students who receive the highest scores during the application process are selected and the student with the highest score will receive an additional \$500 Robert W. West Award.

Criteria for The Producers Scholarships:

1. Applicants must be a member of The Producers all years that they attended YPAS.
To confirm your membership, please contact The Producers Membership Chair Kelly Daukat membership.producers@gmail.com.
2. Applicants must be a current senior at YPAS.
3. Applicants must plan to pursue the arts either through non-traditional paths such as pursuing the arts on their own without continuing formal education or through traditional paths of some form of post secondary education. This includes, but is not limited to, a major or certification in the following specialized areas: performance, working behind the scenes in production or another technical field, teaching some aspect of performing arts or combining several activities within the field of performing arts.

Applications open Friday, January 14, 2022 and are due Tuesday, March 1, 2022.

Your completed application packet will include:

1. An application form
2. An application essay
3. A resume
4. A headshot/photograph
5. Two (2) recommendations

Details for completing each portion of the application are listed below.

Application Form & Recommendations

All applications will be completed online through the buttons "Scholarship Application" and the button "Recommendation Form" which will be published on the website when the application process opens in January.

You will need to direct each person from whom you would like to request a recommendation to the online form. The earlier you give your references the link, the more time they have to prepare thoughtful comments for your recommendation.

YPAS Teacher Recommendation: This is the YPAS instructor who is the best judge of your accomplishments, work ethic, and cooperation.

Community Recommendation: Recommendation can come from an individual at YPAS, Manual, or elsewhere in the community who are familiar with your accomplishments, work ethic, and cooperation.

Completed recommendation forms are due **on Tuesday, March 1, 2022**.

It is your responsibility to confirm that your recommendations are submitted by the deadline. To verify that your complete application has been received by the due date and/or for any questions, please email Scholarship Chairs, Anitra Durand-Allen at scholarship.producers@gmail.com.

Application Essay

Submit an essay to the Scholarship Committee in two pages or less sharing why you believe you should receive this award. Please be sure to include a response to each of the following questions in your essay:

- Why are the arts important to you?
- How will the arts influence your plans after YPAS?
- Specifically, how do you plan to use the funds from this award?
- What qualities do you believe make you a good candidate for this award?
- What else would you like the committee to know about you and why you are applying for this award?

Resume

Please submit your academic and/or professional resumes. You may include information in the following categories or any additional information you choose:

- Leadership Experience
- Membership in School or Community Organizations
- Experience in your art form (at YPAS or in the community)
- Awards
- Employment
- Community Volunteer Work and/or YPAS Volunteer work

Photograph

This will be uploaded as an attachment to your online application. Please provide a headshot or recent photograph of yourself.

****All students who submit a complete application will be scheduled for an interview****

The Interview

A panel of judges representing The Producers will conduct all interviews. Each student will be asked questions about their experience at YPAS and future plans. This is a formal interview. Interviews will last approximately 20 minutes. Students are encouraged to ask questions during the interview. Please hold the following dates on your calendar.

Week of March 21, 2022
(specific dates will be published in January)

Week of March 28, 2022
(specific dates will be given if this week is needed based on the volume of applicants)

**The audition time frame once selected days have been selected is between 5:00 pm - 8:30 pm

A signup link will be provided for you to select the best day and time for you.

Final Decisions

You will be notified in May of the committee's final decision on your application. Scholarship recipients will be announced at the YPAS Senior Night Ceremony in May. At that time, award recipients will be notified of the necessary requirements and documentation for receiving scholarship funds as well as the approximate timing of the disbursement.

Robert W. West Award

One scholarship recipient will receive the prestigious Robert W. West Award, in honor of the first principal of YPAS. This award will be kept confidential and announced at the YPAS Senior Night Awards Ceremony in May.