

Donald H. Hall Scholarship

Administered by the Aberdeen Community Theatre

Dear Student,

Thank you for your interest in Aberdeen Community Theatre's Donald H. Hall Scholarship for the 2025-2026 school year.

Friends of Donald H. Hall established the scholarship to honor his legacy as a stalwart theater supporter in Aberdeen. He was co-founder of ACT 2, Inc. Without Don, there would be no Aberdeen Community Theatre. Northern State University and the community, working together, started a theater program in 1979, with students and community members mounting one show each summer session.

In November 1979, ACT 2, Inc. was incorporated as its own non-profit organization, but continued to work closely with NSU. From 1980 to 1993, ACT's primary performance space was NSU's Johnson Fine Arts Center. ACT acquired the Capitol Theatre in 1992 as its home. In 2015 and 2016, ACT hosted NSU Theater productions while the Johnson Fine Arts Center was being renovated. ACT's close relationship with NSU still exists.

To nurture that ongoing relationship, the following are requirements for the scholarship: ACT or ACT/Young People's Theatre experience, onstage or backstage, previous to the school year the scholarship is awarded; and attendance at NSU for the school year this scholarship is awarded.

Auditioning for and/or working behind-the-scenes for a minimum of one show at ACT, ACT/Young People's Theatre, or NSU during the year this scholarship is awarded is a requirement for receiving and retaining the scholarship for both semesters. Onstage experience is not required to be considered for this scholarship. Backstage experience or volunteering also qualifies.

Up to two full-time (12-credit hours) and/or up to two half-time (6-credit hours) scholarships can be awarded annually. Award amounts will be between \$250.00 and \$500.00 and awarded annually with half of the funds disbursed to the recipient(s) in the fall semester, and half in the spring semester.

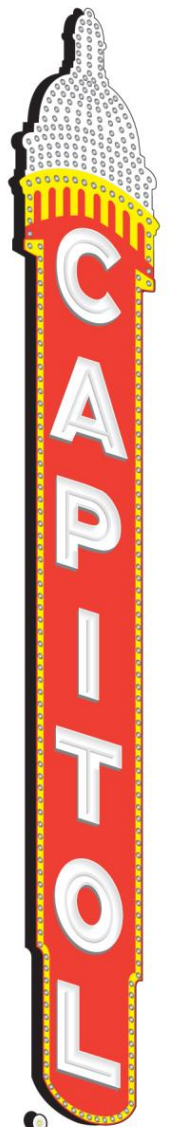
Please note that in addition to the attached application form, other information is required to complete your application:

- A brief statement explaining your need and eligibility. This statement can be a maximum of one page, 12-point type.
- A resume listing your theater experience. For each show, list the theater, what experience you gained and your onstage role (character played) or backstage duty (stage manager, props, tech, etc.)
- A letter of recommendation from a theater professional with whom you have worked. A high school or college teacher or director is acceptable.

To be considered for the 2025-2026 scholarship award, applications (including all required information) must be postmarked, delivered to ACT's office at 417 S. Main Street, or emailed to act@nvc.net - subject: "DONALD H. HALL SCHOLARSHIP," by **12:00pm on June 2, 2025**.

Please direct any questions about the scholarship or application process to James L. Walker, ACT artistic/managing director.

Sincerely,
ACT Scholarship Committee
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NSU Theater Scholarship Application Form 2025-2026 School Year

To be eligible for the following school year scholarship, applications and required information must be postmarked, emailed to act@nvc.net (subject line: DONALD H. HALL SCHOLARSHIP), or delivered to ACT's office, 417 S. Main Street, no later than 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Monday, June 2, 2025.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE # _____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____

MAJOR FIELD OF STUDY _____

NSU THEATER MINOR? (not required for scholarship) Circle one: YES NO

Please list all theater courses taken (title, year, where attended) on a separate sheet.

Your present classification:

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR AT _____

Or circle one:

NSU FRESHMAN NSU SOPHOMORE NSU JUNIOR NSU SENIOR

Present overall grade point average _____

I will be attending NSU as a _____ Full-Time _____ Part-Time student in the fall and spring semesters of the 2025-2026 school year.

Required materials:

- This application form.
- A brief statement regarding your need and eligibility: maximum one page, 12-point type.
- A complete resume of your theater experience. Please list the show title, theater or company, and onstage role played or backstage duty such as stage manager, props, costumes, etc. for each show listed.
- A letter of recommendation from a theater professional with whom you've worked. As an example, a high school/college teacher/director is acceptable.

Notes:

ACT or ACT/Young People's Theatre experience, onstage or backstage, prior to the school year the scholarship is awarded, and attendance at NSU for the school year this scholarship is awarded are prerequisites for receiving the scholarship.

Auditioning for and/or working behind-the-scenes for a minimum of one show at ACT, ACT/Young People's Theatre, or NSU during the year this scholarship is awarded is a requirement for retaining the scholarship for both semesters.

Onstage experience is not required to be awarded this scholarship.

Applicant Signature

