URI Theatre First-Year Student Scholarship Award

The University of Rhode Island, Department of Theatre, is offering graduating high school seniors and transfer students the opportunity to audition for the First-Year Student Scholarship Award. If you have received an acceptance letter to URI, are pursuing a full-time major in theatre at URI, and you possess expertise as an actor, designer, manager or director, submit an application to be considered for a Theatre Award by March 28, 2022.

How to Apply for a URI Theatre First-Year Scholarship Award: After you receive acceptance to URI, follow these three steps if you plan to attend the in-person audition at The University of Rhode Island on April 2, 2022. Note: Deadline for application materials below is March 28, 2022.

1) Review the Audition/Presentation Requirements given below.
2) Complete the URI Theatre First-Year Student Scholarship application on the next page.
3) E-mail the Theatre First-Year Student Scholarship application along with a resume, a one-page double-spaced summary of your involvement in theatre to date and one letter of recommendation to Bonnie Bosworth, bboz@uri.edu.

If you are unable to make the in-person audition on Saturday, April 2, 2022, please send the application, along with a resume, a one-page double-spaced summary of your involvement in theatre to date and one letter of recommendation along with your recorded audition, to Bonnie Bosworth, bboz@uri.edu AND TO:

• for Acting send to Rachel Walshe at rtwalshe@uri.edu and Tracy Miller at tracylizmiller@uri.edu,
• for Directing send to Rachel Walshe at rtwalshe@uri.edu,
• for Stage Management to Paula McGlasson, Interim Chair, paulam@uri.edu,
• for Lighting and Scenic Design to James Horban at jameshorban@uri.edu, and
• for Costume Design to David T. Howard at dthoward@uri.edu in order to be considered for a First-Year Student Award/Scholarship.

Questions? Please contact:

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Interim Chair, URI Theatre
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OR

Bonnie Bosworth
Administrative Assistant, URI Theatre
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AUDITION/INTERVIEW REQUIREMENTS:

For Actors

- Actors should prepare two contrasting monologues. Each auditioner will be allowed a total of 4 minutes to present the two monologues. If you are interested in musical theatre, please prepare one song and one monologue. We anticipate having a piano player at these auditions, but a speaker will be provided if you have a “track” on your device.

For Designers

- If you are interested in design and technical theatre, please record samples and/or photographs, which may include drawings, drafting or paintings of your creative work and bring them with you.

For Stage Managers

- If you are interested in stage or theatre management, please submit an online portfolio of your prompt script(s) which may include rehearsal and production paperwork such as audition forms, prop, sound or lighting plots, rehearsal reports, production reports, scene shifting charts, blocking notations and cues to be called on the script pages. If you prefer to make a video which allows you to explain your work as it is shown, that would be a great way for me to get a better sense of your work.

For Directors

- If you are interested in directing, please submit through email one of these two items:
  - A Director’s Notebook; a unit breakdown for one scene (character scene objectives, subtext for each unit)
  - A Play Proposal which would include 1) Title, Author, and Description of a Play 2) Why you chose to direct this play, 3) Educational Values, 4) Conceptual Statement, 5) General statement of proposed period and style and. 6) Description of five important characters for casting.

To be considered for this four-year award, students must email the required paperwork to the department by Monday, March 28, 2022. The audition date will be Saturday, April 2, 2022. If you are unable to schedule an in-person audition, recorded materials will be accepted if you send them by March 28, 2022 to the appropriate email listed above. URI Theatre First-Year Award auditions cannot be rescheduled.

URI Theatre First-Year Award renewability is based upon a 2.5 GPA, good standing as a continuing theatre major and departmental participation. The scholarship will be reviewed annually for four years.

A student must be formally admitted to the University and enrolled as a full-time student for the Fall of 2022 in order to receive a URI Theatre First-Year Award.