URI Theatre
Talent Awards/Scholarships Program

The University of Rhode Island Department of Theatre is offering graduating high school seniors and transfer students who receive an acceptance letter to URI the opportunity to audition for Talent Scholarship Awards. If you are pursuing a full-time major in theatre at URI and you possess expertise as an actor, designer, manager or director, submit this talent scholarship application to be considered for a Theatre Talent Award/Scholarship.

How to Apply for Admission at The University of Rhode Island: Go to www.uri.edu/admission to request information, see admission requirements or to apply online. URI Admissions application deadline December 1, 2019.

How to Apply for a URI Theatre Talent Scholarship: After you receive acceptance to URI, follow these three steps: 1) Review the Audition/Presentation Requirements given below. 2) Complete the URI Theatre Talent Award/Scholarship application on the next page. 3) Mail the Theatre Talent Award/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 the address provided at the top of the application form.

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. There will be an accompanist with a piano in the room. Bring your own sheet music. Although there will be a CD player in the room, it is preferable that you use an accompanist for your audition. You may also provide your own accompanist if you prefer. Be prepared for an oral interview.

For Designers
- If you are interested in design and technical theatre, please bring samples and/or photographs, which may include drawings, draftings or paintings of your creative work and be prepared for an oral interview.

For Stage Managers
- If you are interested in stage management, please bring a prompt script with accompanying samples of your rehearsal and production paperwork including audition forms, prop, sound, costume and light plots, rehearsal reports, production reports, scene shifting charts, blocking notations and performance cues. Be prepared for an oral interview as well.
For Directors

- If you are interested in directing, please bring one of three items: a Director’s Notebook; a unit breakdown for one scene (character scene objectives, subtext for each unit); or 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. Be prepared for an oral interview.

URI Theatre Talent Award/Scholarship auditions cannot be rescheduled and to be considered for a scholarship, students must be present at a scheduled audition date or make alternative arrangements.

URI Theatre Talent Award/Scholarship renewability is based upon a 2.5 GPA, good standing as a continuing theatre major and departmental participation. The scholarship will be reviewed annually.

A student must be formally admitted to the University and enrolled as a full time student for the Fall of 2020 in order to receive a URI Theatre Talent Award/Scholarship.

URI Theatre Audition Date: Auditions and portfolio presentations will be held on **Saturday, March 21, 2020, between 11–4 PM in the Fine Arts Center, URI Kingston campus.** Plan to arrive at the Fine Arts Center, Theatre Lobby on Upper College Road approximately **fifteen minutes prior to your audition.** If you wish to audition for URI Theatre but are not available on this date, please contact URI Theatre Administrative Assistant, Bonnie Bosworth, at (401) 874-5922 to schedule an alternative appointment. Portfolios or audition tapes may be mailed to: URI Theatre, Dept. of Theatre, 105 Upper College Road, Suite 3, Fine Arts Center, Kingston, RI 02881.

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