

SLT PERFORMING ARTS & EDUCATION **SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

The Smithfield Little Theatre Performing Arts & Education Scholarship Fund was created in honor of our 50th year Anniversary. The purpose of the scholarship is to provide financial support to a deserving student who has shown interest in the performing arts and is pursuing higher education at a two or four year accredited college or university. Trade schools may be considered if fully accredited and once vetted by the scholarship committee.

SLT will be awarding a onetime \$1,500.00 (one thousand-five hundred dollars) scholarship each year to a high school graduating senior in the Western Tidewater area and Surry, which includes: Isle of Wight, Suffolk, Franklin and Southampton County. *SLT PARTICIPANTS and VOLUNTEERS (only) may apply regardless of their geographical area.* In the event an eligible H.S. senior isn't chosen, a current undergraduate student, that meets all the criteria, will be considered.

The scholarship recipient will be evaluated by a selection board appointed by the scholarship chairperson, independent from the Smithfield Little Theatre Board of Directors.

Criteria for ALL Applicants

1. Must have been accepted or will be attending an accredited two or four year college or university as a *full-time* student. Trade schools may be considered if fully accredited and once vetted by the scholarship committee.
2. Must use the scholarship for the academic year it was awarded; starting with the Fall semester of said year.
3. Must possess "above average" scholastic, academic and extracurricular achievements.
4. Must have traits that exemplify high moral character (i.e. honesty, self respect, reliability, self-control, personality, service, patriotism and responsibility).
5. Should also possess leadership ability and be actively involved in school and community activities.
6. ****IF *home-schooled*, additional criteria may need to be met - including, but not limited to – completing one full time semester of college BEFORE applying.**
7. Applicants may only apply once.

Payment of Scholarship Benefits

The SLT Performing Arts & Education Scholarship will be paid upon receipt of an original "Proof of Enrollment" statement on school letterhead. The check will be made payable to the applicant **and** the college or university, jointly. The applicant **must** provide the schools policy for "proof of enrollment" within ten **(10) days** of being awarded the scholarship. The recipient will then be assigned a deadline date to submit verification of enrollment.

This year's scholarship recipient will be announced no later than **Friday, May 16th, 2025.**

***SLT is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization that serves the local community and does not discriminate based on race, sex, color, creed, religion or national origin in the awarding of its scholarship. Revised 11/06/2024.