



Application for Theatre Arts Department Grant Academic Year 2022-2023

You must be accepted to Huntington University and declare a major or minor within the Theatre Arts Department to be eligible for this grant. If you have applied but not yet been accepted to Huntington University, your grant application will be held on file until your application has been completed and fully processed. Please note that ALL application components must be received by the deadline for your application to be processed.

All grant recipients will be required to work five (5) hours each week for the costume shop or scene shop, or as an office assistant; additional hours may be worked if approved by supervisor. Recipients are expected to take leadership roles in production and work areas, and they are required to attend specific work calls (such as load-in and strike). Recipients are always expected to be highly visible as role models, demonstrating excellence in all aspects of departmental activities. A minimum 2.7 GPA must be maintained.

Application requirements for grants vary by intended major/minor:

- Students intending to pursue a Theatre Performance major are required to audition for a representative of the Theatre Arts Department.
- Students intending to pursue a Theatre Technology major or a Production Technology minor are required to interview with a representative of the Theatre Arts Department and submit a portfolio displaying their work (digital submissions are acceptable).
- Students wishing to pursue one of the Theatre (General) majors or a Theatre minor may choose to audition OR interview, depending on their primary area of interest (performance or technology).

Audition/interview materials may be submitted directly to the Theatre Arts Department Chair. Video auditions are accepted; Huntington University will also be participating in the following events this year where students may audition/interview:

- Ohio Thespians Unified Auditions – November 6, 2021
- Indiana Thespians State Conference (College Auditions) – January 21-23, 2022
- SETC Annual Convention (Undergraduate Auditions/Tech Interviews) – March 9-13, 2022

The following steps must be completed before your grant application will be considered:

1. Complete the online application form at <https://forms.office.com/r/QthUg9WKGr>.
2. Submit the following to the Theatre Arts Department Chair, Ryan Long. Submissions may be e-mailed, presented in-person, or mailed to the address below.

- a. A cover letter introducing yourself to the department and explaining why you are interested in pursuing a theatre-related major/minor at Huntington University.
 - b. A theatre résumé including productions you've been in, the parts/jobs you've held, and the production dates, beginning with the most recent. Also include any relevant talents or abilities that the Theatre Arts Department would otherwise not know about.
3. Obtain at least one (1) letter of recommendation from a drama teacher, community director, etc. who could honestly evaluate your theatre abilities (additional letters may be submitted if you believe they will strengthen your application or speak to a different area of skill). *Example: A general theatre major may choose to submit one letter from a director who has worked with them as an actor and another letter from a technical director who has worked with them as a crew member.* **Letters should be e-mailed/mailed directly from the recommender to the Theatre Arts Department Chair.**
4. Audition/interview with a representative of the Theatre Arts Department. This may be done in person during a campus visit, at a regional event attended by HU, or via video submission. Video submissions should be shared with rlong@huntington.edu via WeTransfer or a YouTube link. Please DO NOT attempt to e-mail video files as an attachment.
- a. **If you are a prospective Theatre Performance major, General Theatre major with a performance emphasis, or Theatre minor with a performance emphasis:**
Perform two contrasting monologues OR one monologue and 16-32 bars of one musical theatre piece. Whichever option you choose, both pieces should total no more than 4 minutes combined. If you choose to sing, please do so to taped or live accompaniment; no a cappella singing. Pieces should contrast in genre (comedic/dramatic) and/or time period (classical/contemporary).
 - b. **If you are a prospective Theatre Technology major, Production Technology minor, General Theatre major with a tech emphasis, or Theatre minor with a tech emphasis:**
Submit a portfolio (digital unless interviewing in person) containing images, videos, or other examples of your tech work. Be prepared to explain your tech experience and provide context/explanation of your portfolio in an interview with the representative.

Please submit all application materials to the Department of Theatre Arts by March 20, 2022.

Review of applications will occur on a rolling basis beginning in November 2021, but all applications submitted prior to the deadline will be given consideration. If a grant is awarded, an award letter will be sent to the student no later than April 15, 2022; a signed copy of this letter must be returned to HU by May 6, 2022 to accept the award.

All application materials should be submitted to Ryan Long, Theatre Arts Department Chair, as instructed above. Postal mail submissions should be sent to the following address:

Huntington University
ATTN: Theatre Arts Department Chair
2303 College Avenue
Huntington, IN 46750