



## Application for Theatre Arts Department Grant Academic Year 2021-2022

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.

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 paid 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. All auditions will be in video format this year.
- Students intending to pursue a Theatre Technology major or a Performance 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. Huntington University will also be participating in the virtual version of the following events this year where students may audition/interview:

- Ohio Thespians Unified Auditions
- Indiana Thespians State Conference (College Auditions)
- Southeastern Theatre Conference Annual Convention (Undergraduate Auditions)

The following items must be received by the Theatre Arts Department before your application will be considered:

1. A completed grant application, available at <https://forms.gle/heUFAZrSEdzcQJNT9>.
2. A cover letter introducing yourself to the department and explaining why you are interested in pursuing a theatre-related major/minor at Huntington University.
3. 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.
4. Letter(s) of recommendation from a drama teacher, community director, etc. who could honestly evaluate your theatre abilities. At least one (1) letter of recommendation is required, but 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 individual to the department chair.**
5. A video audition/interview. The required items should be shared with [rlong@huntington.edu](mailto:rlong@huntington.edu) via Microsoft OneDrive, Google Drive, or WeTransfer; you may also choose to upload video files to YouTube and e-mail a private 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:**  
Submit a video of yourself performing 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 may contrast in genre (comedic/dramatic) and/or time period (classical/contemporary).
  - b. **If you are a prospective Theatre Technology major, Performance Technology minor, General Theatre major with a tech emphasis, or Theatre minor with a tech emphasis:**  
Submit a digital portfolio (i.e. website, PowerPoint, etc.) containing images and/or videos of your tech work. Also include a videotape of yourself explaining your tech experience and providing context/explanation of your portfolio.

**Please submit all application materials to the Department of Theatre Arts by March 13, 2021.** Review of applications will occur on a rolling basis, 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 by April 15, 2021; a signed copy of this letter must be returned to HU by May 1, 2021 to accept the award.

All application materials should be submitted to Ryan Long, Theatre Arts Department Chair, by e-mail at [rlong@huntington.edu](mailto:rlong@huntington.edu) or by mail at following address:

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ATTN: Theatre Arts Department Chair  
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Huntington, IN 46750**