

SID WILLIAMS THEATRE SOCIETY BURSARY APPLICATION FORM

School forms may be used instead of this form; REFERENCE letters should be attached.

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Secondary School or comparable institution/program you will be GRADUATING from:

Name of University/College or similar program you wish to attend:

Describe your intended program of study (Attach an additional sheet if necessary):

Describe your involvement with the Sid Williams Theatre, and/or with performing arts/theatre arts in the Comox Valley (Attach an additional sheet if necessary):

Applicants not including school forms, where financial need is a consideration, should attach a description of their financial situation.

List of references attached:

Please attach a transcript from the school you will be graduating from (or equivalent Grade 12 program), interim transcripts or report-cards are acceptable:

Applications must be received by March 29^h (they may be submitted via your school).

Please contact us if you have any questions about your Application: bursary@sidtheatre.com OR 250 338 2430 x 2.



SID WILLIAMS THEATRE SOCIETY BURSARY AWARD 2019

The Sid Williams Theatre Society (SWTS) Bursary Award is an annual financial award given to students of the theatre arts. Our bursary award is guided by the SWTS mandate, core values, and our strategic objective to educate. We are investing in the future of our community theatre and the theatre industry in BC and Canada.

A minimum award of \$500 per approved recipient will be given out each year – to be determined by the Sid Williams Theatre Society (SWTS) Bursary Committee.

HOW TO APPLY

- Applicants must provide the SWTS Bursary Committee with the following information:
 - A completed SWTS Bursary Application Form, OR
 - Completed Bursary Application Forms provided by the Applicant's School, OR
 - An application letter under the Special Criteria section below.
- Application information must be submitted to the SWTS Bursary Committee (which may be forwarded via the Applicant's school) on or before March 29th 2019.
- Applicants are encouraged to attach letters of reference supporting the criteria below.

CRITERIA

- Applicants must be graduating in the year of application from: G.P. Vanier Secondary School, Highland Secondary, Mark Isfeld Secondary, Nala'atsi Alternate School, Glacier View Secondary, Ecole au Coeur-d'I'sle, Gaglardi Academy, or North Island Distance Education.
- The SWTS Bursary Committee will consider applications submitted by Comox Valley residents graduating from another Grade 12 Equivalency Program (must be a program recognized by the Province of British Columbia), if all other award criteria are met.
- Applicants must be continuing their studies at a post-secondary institution in a field related to the performing arts or entertainment industry (including film/video). See also Special Criteria below.
- Applicants must demonstrate a commitment to theatre arts (live performance including spoken-word, cultural use performing arts, film, video or other entertainment/performance genres, or theatre technology):
- Preferred indicators of commitment:
 - Applicants who have contributed a minimum of 20 hours of volunteer effort per year within the past 2 years with either the Sid Williams Theatre Society, or a Comox Valley based non-profit organization using the Sid Williams Theatre for their events.
 - Applicants who have invested a minimum of 40 hours per year within the past 2 years to either training or community/cultural practice in the Comox Valley region in the theatre arts (as described above; can include choir, piano, band, dance lessons etc).
 - Applicants who have resided in the Comox Valley less than 2 years, but meet the graduation criteria above, who are able to demonstrate the other above criteria in another community may also apply.

SPECIAL CRITERIA

- Applicants who do not meet all the criteria above (either in terms of indicators of theatre arts involvement, or in terms of their post-secondary education plans), BUT who believe they can demonstrate a commitment to theatre arts, AND who believe their intended future studies will prove beneficial for the community and the theatre industry, may write a LETTER of application outlining their theatre/arts background and their intended studies, and submit it to the bursary committee by the April 15th deadline.
- If funds are available, the bursary committee may consider letters of application after the April 15th deadline in special circumstances. In this case the letter of application must also explain the special circumstances.
- Special criteria applicants may be contacted by the SWTS for more information.



HOW THE COMMITTEE WILL RANK APPLICANTS

If the basic criteria are met, but the number of applicants exceeds the funds available, the SWTS Bursary Committee will use the following rating factors to select finalist/recipients:

1. Financial need,
2. Number of volunteer/training/practice hours above the minimum,
3. Number of years of theatre-arts commitment above the minimum 2,
4. Strength of reference letters,
5. Strategic or developmental merit (underserved genre/demographic/skill area),
6. GPA/Academic merit.

NOTIFICATION

Applicants selected to receive an award will be notified through bursary award presentation processes at each school. Special criteria applicants will be notified directly in a timely fashion and will be given appropriate recognition to the SWTS membership and/or other participating organizations.

Applicants not selected to receive an award will be notified in writing by the SWTS bursary committee.

See **SWTS bursary application form** on NEXT PAGE.



