

**The Finger Lakes Musical Theatre Festival Presents:
THE THOMMIE WALSH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

Delivering Scholarships for Students Pursuing Musical Theatre Careers and Making Dreams A Reality

THOMMIE WALSH, an Auburn native and 2 time Tony and Drama Desk Award winner, was an accomplished actor, choreographer, and director. As Director/Choreographer, he worked with legends such as Tommy Tune, Ann-Margret, Chita Rivera, Mitzi Gaynor, and Joel Grey. Most notably, Thommie originated the role of Bobby in A CHORUS LINE on Broadway, a character that was heavily based on his life. Although Thommie passed in 2007, his mark on Auburn, Broadway, and the theatre community, will not soon fade.

In May of 2018, the Finger Lakes Musical Theatre Festival/Merry-Go-Round Playhouse, Inc. in partnership with Thommie Walsh's Family, will be honoring Thommie's legacy by awarding Thommie Walsh Scholarships in amounts up to \$2,000 per student.

Candidates must be Cayuga County residents who meet the following criteria:

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

1. Acceptance to, or enrollment in, any accredited post-secondary program (two or four-year), and attend either full-time or part-time;
2. Must be a Cayuga County, New York legal resident regardless of current school address.
3. Must be pursuing studies in the performing arts.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

All of the following items are required to complete the application requirements:

1. A completed Application;
2. A completed personal essay outlining your passion for the arts and describing your journey to date;
3. (Optional) A sample of your artistic work (Video or Other) if available;
4. A signed letter of recommendation from a teacher, professor, or professional artist which must be dated within the last six months.
5. If you are a graduating High School Student, or have a GED Certificate, include a copy of your college acceptance letter to a two or four year accredited college showing your intended concentration of studies.

**THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ACCEPT
INCOMPLETE OR ILLEGIBLE APPLICATIONS,
OR APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED AFTER APRIL 6, 2018**

Please scan and email OR mail your Application and all required materials
ON OR BEFORE APRIL 6, 2018 to:

Thommie Walsh Scholarship Fund
Finger Lakes Musical Theatre Festival
17 William Street
Auburn, New York 13021
(315) 255-1305

Email Submissions To:

Scholarships@FingerLakesMTF.com

Visit our Website at:

www.FingerLakesMTF.com

APPLICATION GUIDELINES & OTHER INFORMATION

PLEASE READ THE APPLICATION CAREFULLY.

- ✓ Answer every question and supply every requested document. Mark "N/A" on a question if it does not apply to you.
- ✓ Please download the Application from our website at: www.fingerlakesmtf.com/scholarship

SPONSORSHIP APPLICATION SUBMISSION:

Applications will be accepted beginning February 19, 2018 and ending April 6, 2018.

All Applications must be postmarked no later than April 6, 2017.

- ✓ Award recipients will be notified on or before May 4, 2017 and will be invited to accept their scholarship award at our 2018 Annual Fundraising Gala to be held on May 17th, 2018 at 6pm.
- ✓ Please only submit requested materials.
- ✓ Have questions? Please contact Scholarships@FingerLakesMTF.com.

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SECTION 1 – PERSONAL INFORMATION

Please check one of the following:

- I am a high school student graduating in the spring of 2018.
 I am a GED credential holder.
 I am an undergraduate, ENTER CURRENT YEAR: _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Legal Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

(Must be Cayuga County Resident to apply)

U.S. Citizen: Yes No (If not, Permanent Resident: Yes No) Cayuga County Resident: Yes No

SECTION 2 – SCHOOL INFORMATION**A. High School and/or GED Information (*must be completed by all applicants*):**

High School Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Guidance Counselor Name and Phone Number: _____

Expected High School Graduation Date (month/year): _____

Date Received GED: _____

B. College Information:

- Undergraduates:* Include proof of current enrollment
 Incoming Freshmen: Include a copy of your letter of college acceptance.

College or University Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Financial Aid Officer Name and Phone Number: _____

Intended Major: _____ Expected Date of Graduation (month/year): _____

This is a Two or Four Year Accredited College: Yes No

SECTION 3 – COLLEGES ATTENDED

(Complete this section ONLY if applicable)

Other than your present college, list any post-secondary schools that you have attended, with the most recent school listed first.

College or University Name: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Dates Attended: _____ Degree Earned: _____

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Dates Attended: _____ Degree Earned: _____

SECTION 4 – PRODUCTION OR PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

(List all Artistic related work or training experience with the most recent experience listed first.)

Company Name or Title of Production: _____

Production Type (e.g. Musical; Play, Concert, Camp): _____

Position (e.g. Actor, Director, Stage Manager): _____

Date of Production/Event: _____

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For Sections 5-8, please type and be sure to put your name on your essay on each page. Label each section clearly and attach at the end of the Application.

SECTION 5 – ONE WRITTEN ESSAY

Choose one essay topic based on your current school year and keep your word count between 500 to 1,000 words:

High School Seniors/ GED Holders – As you reflect on your high school years and all of the cumulative experiences, tell us about specific experiences that have forced you to grow in both personal and artistic ways.

Freshman Undergraduates – You have completed one year of college. As you reflect on your first year, tell us about three important experiences and describe their impact on you.

Sophomore Undergraduates – With two years of college under your belt, tell us how your life at college thus far has helped shape you into the person and artist that you are. Include specific events and experiences as supportive examples.

Junior Undergraduates – A career and life in the arts is a challenging but highly rewarding journey. Based on your own experiences and observations to date, tell us a bit about your dreams and the strengths you possess to make them come true.

SECTION 6 – ARTISTIC SAMPLE -- OPTIONAL

You may submit one example of your artistic talent and body of work. Videos are accepted (*3 minute maximum length*) (*attached with your emailed application or include a thumb drive with your mailed application*). Other Samples are accepted if a video is not applicable, such as design or production book samples. The Artistic Sample should provide a clear picture of your potential.

SECTION 7 – HONORS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Please list any honors and achievements that you have received during high school and college. Be sure to include academic honors, offices or leadership positions (date, organization, position), awards you've won, and other extracurricular achievements that you may have earned.

SECTION 8 – SIGNATURE REQUIRED

To the best of my knowledge, I've provided accurate information concerning all questions on this Application. I understand failure to provide valid and complete information could result in recall and withdrawal of all awards made by the Thommie Walsh Scholarship Fund. If I become an award recipient, I permit the Finger Lakes Musical Theatre Festival to use my name, information, and photo on its website and in all media for the purposes of promotion and publicity.

In administering the scholarship program, the Thommie Walsh /Merry-Go-Round Playhouse, Inc. Scholarship Committee will not discriminate in any manner, including on the basis of gender, race, color, national, or ethnic origin or sexual orientation and each eligible Application submitted will be evaluated upon the merit of its contents. All decisions are final.

Signature of Applicant: _____ **Date:** _____

(All minors under the age of 18 are required to provide the information requested below)

Signature of Parent / Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Parent / Guardian Email Address: _____ Phone: _____

CHECK YOUR WORK!

To be considered for a Thommie Walsh / Merry-Go-Round Playhouse Scholarship, you must submit all the required elements by the deadline:

- Completed Application;
- Completed one personal essay question;
- (Optional) Provided a sample of your artistic work (Video /Other);
- Submitted a signed letter of recommendation, from a teacher, professor, or professional artist which must be dated within the last six months;
- A copy of your college acceptance letter (High School and GED Students) or proof of current enrollment in a post-secondary institution showing your concentrated area of study or intended major.

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