



THEATRE OF DARE

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Dear Friends:

Theatre of Dare, community theatre for the Outer Banks, is offering scholarships to graduating seniors in Dare, Currituck, and Hyde Counties who plan to pursue a degree in the performing arts at a college or university. In previous years, we have awarded as many as 4 scholarships to different students in the area who are pursuing performance arts studies.

Following this letter is the application information and forms. We encourage all eligible and interested students to apply. The deadline for receipt of the application packet is March 1st, 2026

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your interest in the Don Bridge Memorial Scholarship.

Sincerely,

Mary Ross

Mary Ross
Treasurer and Scholarship Committee Chairperson
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Don Bridge Memorial Scholarship General Information

Objective:

Provide scholarship assistance to individuals pursuing a degree in the performing arts at a college or university. Award amounts, typically between \$1,000-2,500, are dependent upon funds raised and the number of awards bestowed. The award is contingent upon acceptance and attendance at your institution. Payment will be made only to the institution.

Who is Eligible:

Any graduating senior of Dare, Currituck, or Hyde County planning (as well as previous recipients who continue), to pursue a degree in the performing arts. Participation in Theatre of Dare productions is not a prerequisite for consideration.

How to Apply:

Applicants must complete all sections of the application and each of the five requirements of the checklist in order to be considered.

Evaluation:

In evaluating the applications, preferences will be given to those demonstrating need, desire and initiative. Applications will be accepted until March 1st, 2026. All applicants will be notified of the decision of the scholarship committee by April 1st, 2026.

Application Submission:

Complete applications and supporting information must arrive by March 1, 2026. Our preference is that the materials be submitted in .pdf format via email (info@theatreofdareobx.com). One file is preferred. You may also apply as requested by your high school's scholarship program protocol.



Don Bridge Memorial Scholarship Checklist

Completed scholarship applications must be submitted no later than March 1st, 2026, preferably in .pdf format via email. You may also submit the application as requested by your high school's scholarship program protocol.

Applicants should submit the following in PDF. format:

- ☐ Scholarship Application Form
- ☐ A resume of experience and training in the performing arts to date
- ☐ Two recommendation statements, speaking to your character, academic ability, and performance (or performance-related) talents
- ☐ An acceptance letter, if available, from the institution where you intend to study the performing arts, or the college of your choice.
- ☐ A statement of approximately 500-1000 words stating why you are applying for the scholarship or a reel of your accomplishments and why we should award you the scholarship.



Don Bridge Memorial Scholarship Application Form

Name:

Current School:

Street Address:

Town/State/Zip:

Email:

You may want to provide a personal rather than a school email, so we can reach you once you're in college.

Phone:

May we text this number? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Date of Birth (M/D/YYYY):

What year of education will you have completed in May/June 2026?

What university/college do you plan to attend in the 2026/27 academic year?

Have you been accepted at this school? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Acceptance is not necessary in order to apply, but will be required in order for any award to be disbursed.

What is your anticipated major course of study?

In typing my name below, I declare that all statements contained herein are complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's Declaration

Date



Don Bridge Memorial Scholarship Recommendations

We will need letters of recommendation from two people who can speak to your character and abilities. These advocates can be teachers, mentors, instructors, spiritual leaders but should not be a family member. If you have any difficulty in this area or have questions, feel free to contact Mary Ross, Scholarship Chair, at merryinthemonth@icloud.com. Recommendations may be emailed to info@theatreofdareobx.com.

Please list the persons who are providing letters of recommendation for you:

1. Name:
Title and/or Relationship to you:

2. Name:
Title and/or Relationship to you:

The recommendations should include:

- How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?

- Describe the applicant's personal traits and accomplishments that motivate your recommendation.

- Any unusual circumstances and/or special background information you believe it would be helpful to the scholarship committee with their decision.

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