



The Lyric Theatre Thelma Gaylord Academy offers scholarship opportunities to its students to assist with tuition cost. Scholarships are offered each semester so long as funding is available.

All applications are reviewed by the Education Committee of the Lyric Theatre Board of Directors. The Education Committee retains all final decision-making authority regarding the recipients of Lyric Academy scholarships. Decisions are made without regard to race, gender identity, age, disability, or religion. The decisions of the Education Committee shall not be appealable to any entity including but not limited to the full Lyric Theatre Board, the Executive Director, or any other staff member of Lyric Theatre.

In which camp/classes do you intend to enroll: \_\_\_\_\_

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student age: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/guardian phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual household income: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of people in household: \_\_\_\_\_

I declare that the information reported in this application is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge. I have enclosed the required US Income Tax Return(s) for the purpose of verifying the information reported. I have read the Financial Aid guidelines (pg. 2) and agree to help my student meet all of the criteria required.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of application

**Please attach the following support materials:**

- A letter written by parent/guardian describing the need for scholarship
- A letter written by the student describing why they want to participate in the Thelma Gaylord Academy (For instance, what interests you about musical theatre technique and production classes, what you hope to gain training, how you learned about Academy programming, etc.)
- A copy of your most recent US Income Tax Return(s). (First page only, showing gross income.)

All scholarship materials from the previous year will be shredded. New US Income Tax returns must be submitted each calendar year. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Complete the above application and attach all required support materials.

Submit your application packet in one of the following ways. You will receive an email confirmation. If you do not receive a confirmation email, please contact the Academy office at 405 524-9310 x100.

In person: Lyric Theatre of Oklahoma Academy Building 1801 NW 16th Street Oklahoma City, OK 73116	By mail: Lyric Theatre Thelma Gaylord Academy 1721 NW 16th Street Oklahoma City, OK 73116	By email: Rozz@LyricTheatreOKC.org	By fax: 405 524-9316
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## **FINANCIAL AID GUIDELINES**

Scholarships are granted each semester to recipients on the basis of financial need, including those with:

- Low income
- Households with multiple students
- Special circumstances presenting a sudden or temporary hardship

In addition to financial need, consideration is given to those students who display dedication, dependability, and preparedness. Each student on scholarship will be monitored throughout the semester to evaluate their continued commitment to their education.

Possible disqualifying factors for consideration:

- Dropping a class or production mid-semester after scholarship funds have been allocated
- Consistent absences or tardiness
- Teacher/director reports of disruptiveness, disrespectfulness, or other problematic attitudes
- Teacher/director reports of poor dedication to the class/rehearsal process

*Age and experience will be considered when assessing classroom behavior. If special circumstances such as a medical or family emergency occur, please bring this to the attention of the Education Director as soon as possible.*

### Private Lesson Instruction

Private Lessons are considered supplementary and are not eligible for financial assistance, but will be considered in each family's total out of pocket expense.

**Academy Professional Artist Training:** Acceptance into our new APAT program qualifies you to include Private Voice Instruction in your scholarship application. This is the only program for which voice lessons are eligible for scholarship funding.

### **Available Financial Assistance for the 2024 calendar year:**

- **Thelma Gaylord Academy Scholarships:** Any student displaying a need for financial assistance is eligible to apply. Dropping a class within the first two weeks may alter the amount of scholarship originally awarded. Dropping a class after the drop date may result in disqualification from future scholarships.
- **The Mr. Z Scholarship:** The Mr. Z scholarship is a sponsorship awarded to elementary students from the metro. This scholarship is application and merit based and covers multiple costs throughout the student's production year. For more information, please contact Rozz at [Rozz@LyricTheatreOKC.org](mailto:Rozz@LyricTheatreOKC.org).