



FAQ: Frequently Asked Questions about our Annual Scholarship

1. What is the scholarship and how often is it awarded?

Showcase Productions Society offers one \$2,000.00 scholarship to a student graduating from the Amherst Regional High School each spring; and, one \$2,000.00 scholarship to a student graduating from a High School in Cumberland County.

2. Who is eligible to receive this scholarship?

Any student within Cumberland County, or who is a member of Showcase Productions Society, and is planning on attending a post-secondary educational institution to study some aspect of the performing arts (singing, dancing, acting, stagemanagement, etc.) may apply for the scholarship. Before the scholarship can be paid, confirmation of their acceptance to the institution must be received in writing by the Treasurer of Showcase Productions Society

3. Does a student have to belong to Showcase Productions Society to receive the scholarship?

No, any student graduating from a high school within Cumberland County, or who lives outside of Cumberland County but is a member of Showcase is eligible.

4. Is there any other criteria that a student must have to receive a scholarship?

The student must complete an "Application for Scholarship" which is available online on the Showcase Productions Society's website or obtain one from the Guidance Counselor at each of the High Schools. They must have successfully completed the prescribed courses to complete high school, obtain a recommendation from one of their teachers and attach a copy of their transcript to the Application Form. If available, they should also attach a photocopy of their acceptance to the university.

5. Do I need to be interviewed or respond to any verbal questions?

There is no oral examination of the candidates but if the members of the Scholarship Committee do not know the candidate(s), a short, personal interview may be requested by the committee.

6. Who decides the recipient of the scholarship(s)?

In July of each fiscal year, the Chairperson of Showcase Productions Society shall appoint one of their board members to serve as chairperson on the Scholarship Committee; That chairperson shall select two or three members of the society to assist in the planning for the awarding of the scholarship the following spring. The Chairperson shall provide Application Forms to each of the schools' Guidance Counsellors for distribution to interested students. Following the final date of acceptance, the 1st of May, the committee will meet to review all applications, determine who is eligible and then study the applications with a view of recommending to the board of directors who should receive the scholarship in June. Only the board of directors of Showcase Productions Society has the authority to award any scholarship.

7. **Why do I need a letter of recommendation from a community leader?**

Showcase Productions Society is a not-for-profit, community theatre organization that thrives on volunteer efforts from member of the community. Because it depends upon volunteer efforts, it would seem appropriate that scholarship recipients be active members of the local community. This should be confirmed in a letter from at least one community leader from an organization in which the applicant “volunteered”.

8. **Does the successful recipient actually receive the scholarship?**

No, all monies are sent to the institution to which the student has been accepted upon receipt of the student’s registration for the fall and winter semester. The scholarship is provided in two parts; fifty percent to the institution for the fall semester and, the remaining fifty percent for the winter semester following receipt of confirmation of the student’s registration for the fall term. Students must ensure that this receipt (photocopy) is forwarded to the Treasurer of Showcase Productions Society.

9. **How does a student submit an Application for the Scholarship?**

Students may submit their application to the appropriate Guidance Counselor in each high school, or, may mail the scholarship directly to the Chairperson of the scholarship committee in care of Showcase Productions Society, 149 East Victoria Street, Amherst, Nova Scotia, B4H 1Y2. Applications must be postmarked no later than 1 May, 2010. No exceptions please.

10. **When will I be notified if I am the successful recipient of the scholarship?**

All scholarships will be awarded during the graduation exercises at each high school. The Chairperson of the Board of Directors shall attend the graduation ceremonies at the Amherst Regional High School to award the scholarship; the Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee shall attend the applicable county school to award the county scholarship.

For further questions, please contact Showcase Productions Society at (902) 667-1900