



# WESLEY W. WILLIAMSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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*Founded in 1983 as Northwest Mississippi Theatre Guild dba Kudzu Playhouse*

*The Wesley W. Williamson Scholarship Award is dedicated in memory of a beloved friend, actor, director, teacher, and passionate supporter of the performing arts, and specifically Kudzu Playhouse. The award recognizes a student who understands the importance of providing a safe, welcoming and encouraging environment where individuals can explore their artistic interests, and who has actively demonstrated a commitment to enriching and participating in programs that provide them.*

**Eligibility:** Graduating high school seniors, current and rising college freshmen and sophomores (less than 50 semester hours at time of application).

## Application Process:

**DEADLINE: Annually on April 15**

1. Complete application and submit to Kudzu mailing address (postmarked) or via email ([kudzuplayhousems@gmail.com](mailto:kudzuplayhousems@gmail.com)) to the Scholarship Chairman (by midnight or earlier) on the deadline date. Late or incomplete applications cannot be considered.
2. Attach the following:
  - o Headshot or photo
  - o Narrative (see page 3 for details)
  - o Resume - may include other achievements or activities to be considered (on a secondary basis) e.g. non-Kudzu theatre/performance experience, academic achievement, or other leadership or community service
  - o Letter(s) of Recommendation from a current faculty member or other authority figure who has knowledge of your work ethic, integrity, and ability to collaborate.

## Criteria for Selection:

1. Primary criterion is involvement in Kudzu/Kidzu Playhouse productions, fundraising, and promotion.
2. Narratives are primarily assessed based on content, although grammar, spelling and format are considered.

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address:

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Current School: \_\_\_\_\_ Year of High School Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended College/University: \_\_\_\_\_ Area of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

**LIST EACH KUDZU/KIDZU PRODUCTION** with which you have participated as a **performer** (vocals, acting, dance captain, orchestra, etc.), **technical** (lighting, sound, set design and construction, special effects, etc), **crew** (backstage, dresser, helper on set build, front of house management), **artist** (director/assistant, choreography, costume, hair/makeup, prop master, scenic design, front of house design) or other, if not listed.

Name of Production/ Month and Year	What you did (Role or Character Name if any)	Type of Production
EXAMPLE: Aladdin Jr. October 2007	Performer, "Aladdin"	Main stage
EXAMPLE: Bye Bye Birdie July 2010	Crew, assisted with check in at auditions	workshop

*If more space is needed, please attach on a separate sheet.*

**Write a short narrative (no more than 750 words, typed, attached separately) that covers:**

A. The importance of providing a safe, welcoming and encouraging environment where individuals can explore their interests,

AND

B. Gives specific examples of how you have demonstrated your commitment to enriching and participating in programs that provide them.

**Publicity Release**

**YES** I consent to public press release of my name, photo, and application excerpts as chosen by Kudzu Playhouse, including on their website. I agree that my high school and / or college may be notified of my application and scholarship award. I hereby authorize any release.

**NO** I do not consent to public release of my name, photo, or image by Kudzu Playhouse for any reason.

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**Applicant's Signature/ Date -- or Parent/Guardian Signature / Printed Name**  
*(If Applicant is under age 18)*

*I hereby state that the information provided in this application is truthful and accurate.*

*Signed,*

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**APPLICANT SIGNATURE**

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**DATE**