

# MELBA DAY SPARKS-HENNING MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Name \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_ Troupe # \_\_\_\_\_  
School Address \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Accum. GPA \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ School Fax Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ School Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

*"This annual scholarship will be presented to one or more Oregon high school graduating theatre students from an Oregon public high school to further his or her studies in theatre, either in performance or technical theatre and to Oregon High School Theatre Instructors for the purpose of attending EdTA's annual teacher's conference. Melba's desire was to assist an Oregon high school theatre student each year and Theatre Teacher by awarding a scholarship to allow him or her to grow as a student of theatre."*

## Deadline: 1st Week in April

**You must be a registered member of the Thespian Society to be eligible.**

**Please mail all materials to:**

**Larry Daw, 11605 SW 95th St., Tigard, OR 97223**

**liddaw@verizon.net**

*For Students: Please answer the following questions as completely as possible in outline or essay form and submit the additional material as requested. Students must either major or minor in theatre in college to be considered for this scholarship.*

*For Teachers: Please answer the following questions as completely as possible in outline or essay form and submit the additional material as requested.*

**THEATRE EXPERIENCE.** List theatre arts classes taken and where, roles you've played and/or technical work and theatre awards you've received. 20 points possible

**ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF THEATRE.** List activities other than theatre in which you have participated inside and outside of high school. 15 points possible

**WHAT THEATRE MEANS TO ME.** Provide an essay of at least one page, single spaced that illuminates what theatre means to you as an actor and a person. What have been the benefits, rewards, etc. 15 points possible.

**MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THEATRE.** What would you consider your major accomplishment in theatre thus far? What makes this accomplishment special? This must be an essay at least one page in length, single spaced. 15 points possible.

**HOW SCHOLARSHIP WILL BE USED.** Discuss your plans to continue study of theatre arts at a college or university. Include how you plan to use theatre in your career goals and, if granted this scholarship, how you will use it to benefit others? 15 points possible

• **REFERENCES.** Please provide the following letters:

1. A statement from your theatre instructor giving an insight into your involvement with your theatre program, your areas of speciality, and any information that will let the committee know you better. Also, you must include a statement from your theatre instructor stating your application is complete, accurate, and acceptable.
2. A letter from a faculty member, administrator, or parent who can share information regarding your participation in your high school theatre department's activities. 10 points possible

• **TRANSCRIPT OF GRADES.** Please include a transcript of your high school courses. 10 points possible

- o Please tell us about your current teaching assignment; subject(s) and location.
- o Number of years at this school.
- o Educational background.
- o Experience background.
- o What is the school's philosophy toward training students in theatre?
- o What festivals, competitions or conferences has your school attended/participated in during the past three years?
- o What honors and awards has your drama department received in the past three years?
- o List the professional theatre organization affiliation of faculty and the school.
- o Please provide the following letters:
  - A statement from you as to how you will use this award and how you will share material you gain from the conference.
  - A letter from your principal regarding your theatre program, its impact on your community, and its role in the total curriculum of your school.