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Olathe Civic Theatre Association  
500 Loula Street  
Olathe, KS 66061

## Overview

The Olathe Civic Theatre Association (OCTA), a 501(c)3 operating in Olathe, Kansas, announces the 2025 Jan Conner Scholarship Award Program. Two scholarships of, at least, \$500 will be awarded to Olathe residents that are graduating seniors who will be attending an accredited college program majoring in theatre arts (directing, acting, musical theatre, technical theatre, etc.). Students from public, private, or home schools are eligible to apply.

## Program Guidelines & Priorities:

1. Seeking graduating highschool seniors who are residents of Olathe (public, private, or homeschooled). Students who are residents of Olathe but attending a private or other school outside of Olathe are eligible.
2. Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 and plan to attend a 2 or 4-year accredited college majoring in a theatre arts program of study (acting, directing, musical theatre, technical theatre, etc.).
3. Scholarship funds will be paid in December 2025 or January 2026 for the second semester of the student's first year directly to the college and not to the student. It will be the student's responsibility to submit to OCTA at that time an invoice for second semester tuition and fees, student ID number, and college information.
4. Applicants must be nominated by a theatre teacher, director, or other performing professional with direct knowledge of the applicant's work in the arts. OCTA strongly suggests that each high school present at least one student that matches this program's guidelines. Nominations are due Friday, March 7th, 2025 by 4:00 p.m. Late applications are not accepted.

## Submission

**Mail** one copy of a completed, typed application package to:

*(This includes application with sign-off by nominating sponsor, essay, resume that highlights theatrical and other relevant achievements, letter of recommendation, and school transcript.)*

Jan Conner Scholarship Committee  
c/ o Olathe Civic Theatre Association  
P.O. Box 144  
Olathe, KS 66051

**OR**

**Email** all above materials to:

talk\_to\_us@olathetheatre.org  
subject line: *Scholarship*

Applications will be reviewed and recipients will be selected by a committee consisting of volunteers from OCTA. The scholarship winner(s) will be announced on or before April 19, 2025. Only scholarship winners will be notified directly.

Applications may be downloaded from the Olathe Civic Theatre website at <http://olathetheatre.org/scholarship/>

Please submit any questions to: Shelly Stewart-Banks at [talk\\_to\\_us@olathetheatre.org](mailto:talk_to_us@olathetheatre.org)

***Scholarship application begins on the following page.***

## Scholarship Application Form

Please <b>type</b> or <b>print</b> your answers.		
1.	Student Last Name:	Student First Name:
2.	Mailing Address Street: City: <span style="float: right;">State: <span style="float: right;">Zip:</span></span>	
3.	Daytime Telephone Number: (     )  Email Address:	
4.	High School from which you will graduate:	
5.	Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ (On a 4.0 scale) <i>Attach proof of GPA. Your most recent school transcript is required (unofficial transcript will suffice).</i>	
6.	A. If you have decided on what college you will attend, please list school name:  B. If you have not decided what college you will attend, list your top 3 college choices:	
7.	Have you or anyone in your family been involved with OCTA?    Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>  If your answer is 'yes' please answer blocks A and B below. If your answer is 'no' go to item 8.)	
	A. Name of person involved with OCTA:	
	B. Nature of person's involvement with OCTA:	
8.	On a separate sheet please write an essay (250 - 500 words) addressing the following:  Describe how theatre arts have shaped who you are today and what your involvement in theatre has taught you. Include why theatre arts have been an important part of your educational experience and what you hope to accomplish with your future theatre studies.	

## STATEMENT OF ACCURACY FOR STUDENTS

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that if chosen as a scholarship winner my picture may be taken and used to promote Olathe Civic Theatre Association and the Jan Conner Scholarship Awards Program. (Winner may waive the photo due to unusual or compelling circumstances.)

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, my presence is expected at any potential awards ceremony or reception in July 2025 to receive my scholarship award.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, it is my responsibility to remit to Olathe Civic Theatre Association the appropriate information for my scholarship to be paid directly to my educational institution for my second semester in December 2025/January 2026.

I hereby understand I must submit this application with all required attachments and supporting information. Incomplete applications or applications that do not meet eligibility criteria will not be considered for this scholarship.

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**Signature of Applicant**

*(For electronic signature, type applicant's name.)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

## STATEMENT OF SUPPORT BY TEACHER/ DIRECTOR/ ARTS SPONSOR

I hereby affirm that this application meets the criteria set forth by this scholarship program and that I support this application to the Jan Conner Scholarship Award Program at the Olathe Civic Theatre Association. My letter of recommendation is attached.

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

High School/Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Checklist

- ☐ Application
- ☐ Essay
- ☐ Resume/Activity Sheet
- ☐ Sponsor signature
- ☐ School Transcript
- ☐ Letter of Recommendation

### Mail complete application package to:

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All materials must be received by March 3rd, 2023 to be considered.