

THE ROBERT G. & MARY ELEANOR ANDERSON SCHOLARSHIP

The Starkville Community Theatre announces the Robert G. And Mary Eleanor Anderson Scholarship, to be awarded for the 2026-2027 academic year. This scholarship shall be for \$1,000.

Eligibility: persons entering college as freshmen or already enrolled in college as an undergraduate.

Applicants must major in theatre performance, technical theatre, or theatre education.
Applicants must be a resident of Starkville, MS; or Oktibbeha County, MS.

Application: Applicants should complete the one-page application form and provide the following items as attachments:

1. A 200-300 word essay explaining their interest in theatre and reason(s) why they have chosen to major in the field.
2. A resume which specifies their previous theatre experience.
3. Two letters of recommendation, at least one of which must be from a teacher, professor, director, or mentor in some aspect of theatre. One letter may be from the applicant's school counselor, or from a teacher or professor in another academic discipline.

Deadline for Application: The Scholarship Committee must receive the completed application by April 22, 2026. Please send inquiries and application to:

Ms. Paula Mabry
109 Dover Court
Starkville, MS 39759
(662-418-5651)
paula.mabry@gmail.com

Award: The Committee will contact the winner of the Anderson Scholarship. The award will be made in two equal increments, August 1, 2026, and December 1, 2026.

(*If a student attends a college which does not offer a Baccalaureate degree in these majors, a communication major with an emphasis in theatre is acceptable.)



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Applicant's Name _____

Address Street _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone number _____

Email _____

Parents' or guardians' name and address _____

High School(s) attended _____

Date of High School graduation _____

College or university which you will be attending (or are attending) _____

Anticipated date of college graduation _____

Please be sure to submit the following items (as noted in the Scholarship Announcement):

1. This application form.
2. A resumé which specifies your theatre experience.
3. A 200-300 word (typed) essay which explains your interests in theatre and reasons why you have chosen to pursue an undergraduate degree in theatre.

Please list the name and address of the financial office of the institution you plan to attend: _____

Please be sure that your two references have mailed their recommendations directly to the scholarship committee.

All application materials and recommendations must be received by Wednesday, April 22, 2026.

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RECOMMENDATION FORM
2026-2027 ROBERT G. & MARY ELEANOR ANDERSON SCHOLARSHIP

Reference's Name and Position

Reference's signature and date

Please mail this recommendation to:

Ms. Paula C. Mabry
Anderson Scholarship
Committee 109 Dover Court
Starvville, MS 39759

Inquiries? Contact:

Ms. Mabry
662-418-5651
paula.mabry@gmail.com

Applicant's Name _____

Reference Information

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____

Please provide a brief evaluation of the candidate's work in theatre and/or in other disciplines. Please indicate the candidate's potential for completing the undergraduate degree and for future success in a theatre or theatre-related profession. We will appreciate your providing specific information. Please feel free to use the reverse side of this sheet.

Deadline for receipt of recommendation: Wednesday, April 22, 2026.

