

**Waterloo Community Playhouse/Black Hawk Children's Theatre
Chuck Stilwill Theatre Scholarship Application**

In honor of Charles F. Stilwill, who dedicated his career as Managing and Artistic Director to Waterloo Community Playhouse/Black Hawk Children's Theatre. Chuck's vision, energy and perseverance helped insure the success of WCP/BHCT for nearly 45 years. Established at his retirement in 2014, an annual scholarship is awarded in Chuck's name to support an active WCP/BHCT volunteer. His legacy lives on in the artistic endeavors of scholarship recipients.

I. Scholarship Award. A cash scholarship will be awarded to a student during each academic year. The dollar amount of the scholarship will be \$ 400.00.

II. Criteria.

(A) An applicant must be registered on a full-time basis in an accredited institution of higher learning. If the applicant is a graduating high school senior, proof of acceptance at an accredited institution of higher learning must be provided with the application. Evidence of a 2.5 or better grade point average must be submitted with the application of an undergraduate student and a 3.0 or better for a graduate student.

(B) The financial circumstances of the applicant shall have no bearing on the award. The applicant need not have a major/minor in humanities or fine arts, but particular consideration will be given to the applicant who will major or is majoring in either of those fields.

(C) Preference will be shown to those who have been active with the WCP/BHCT from an acting and/or technical standpoint.

(D) The scholarship is open to those who have received the award in past years; however, an applicant would not be eligible for the scholarship(s) in consecutive years.

III. Application for Scholarship. Applications may be obtained from the WCP/BHCT administrative offices in the Walker Building (224 Commercial Street in Waterloo). The scholarship application deadline is **May 15th, 2021**. A scholarship applicant must submit a completed application form and two confidential letters of recommendation (1 academic and 1 personal; letters may be theatre related but may not come from a member of the WCP/BHCT staff) to: Scholarship Committee c/o WCP/BHCT, 224 Commercial St, Waterloo, IA 50701 or info@wcpbhct.org. All applicants are responsible for confirming receipt of all materials. All applications **MUST BE TYPED**.

IV. Adjudication Criteria. The Scholarship Committee will adjudicate the applications on the following criteria: (1) Intensity of WCP/BHCT involvement (2) Statement of goals and plans (3) Other interest/training (4) References (5) Completeness of application. The adjudication process will involve a blind review, whereby the Committee will not be aware of the applicant's identity.

V. Final Selection. Scholarship application and letters of recommendation will be provided to members of the scholarship Committee within ten days following the application deadline. The final selection for the WCP/BHCT Scholarship will be made by the committee within thirty days of the application deadline. The decision of the committee is not subject to appeal. The recipient(s) will be notified as soon thereafter as possible.

VI. Change of Awardee. In the event the awardee cannot, for any reason, accept or must forfeit the award, it may be offered to the applicant next qualified at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

APPLICATION FORM

Waterloo Community Playhouse/Black Hawk Children's Theatre

CHUCK STILWILL THEATRE SCHOLARSHIP

Award for 2021-2022 Academic Year: \$400.00

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY _____

PRODUCTION EXPERIENCE

Please list production experience at WCP/BHCT, School, Church, Other Theatres, etc., as well as any training

Play

Role/ Crew Experience

Theatre

Describe school and/or community activities (other than theater) with brief explanation of involvement, including name of organization, offices held, duration:

Please answer each of the following with a brief paragraph:

1. What are your current plans and goals?

2. How do you feel your participation in WCP/BHCT or other theatrical experience has helped you or will help you attain these goals?

Be sure that this form, the GPA evidence, proof of admission, and the two confidential letters of recommendation are received by **May 15, 2021** at:

Scholarship Committee
WCP/BHCT
224 Commercial Street
Waterloo, IA 50701

Electronic documents are also accepted at info@wcpbhct.org

Date

Applicant's Signature

(use additional pages, if space is needed)

**CHUCK STILWILL THEATRE SCHOLARSHIP
LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION COVER SHEET**

NAME OF APPLICANT _____

NAME OF REFERENCE _____

RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT _____

Please type a statement which explains why you consider this individual to be a worthy candidate for the Waterloo Community Playhouse/ Black Hawk Children's Theatre Scholarship. You may use the back of this sheet or your business letterhead. The Committee requests that your statement include the following:

1. If this is a personal reference:
 - a. Cooperation with superiors and subordinates
 - b. Diligence
 - c. Integrity
 - d. Communication abilities

2. If this is an academic reference, please address those qualifications and any others you consider pertinent.

Signature

Date

Please submit by **May 15, 2021** directly to:

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