

The Mason Hackworth Theatre Scholarship Application

The Mason Hackworth Theatre Scholarship was established in August of 2019 to honor the life and memory of Mason Noel Hackworth, a member of the Class of 2021. Mason passed away on August 6, 2019 from Myocarditis. While at Grassfield, Mason modeled the Grizzly Way and showed his Grizzly pride. He was an honors student taking a rigorous course load and he held membership in the National Honor Society. Mason was excited to start the Cybersecurity program at the Chesapeake Career Center in the fall of 2019. His greatest love at Grassfield was the theatre department and he was a member of the International Thespian Society. In his spare time, Mason loved playing his guitars, singing, playing video games, and hanging out with his Grassfield friends.

The Mason Hackworth Theatre Scholarship has been created to support Grizzlies who found a love of the theatre during their time at Grassfield, and who are continuing their education after high school at an accredited 2 or 4-year college/university program. In Mason's honor, two, one-time, \$2,000 scholarships will be given to three deserving theatre students who will be graduates of the GHS Class of 2026. If you'd like to apply, please complete this application and either submit it in a sealed 9x12 envelope to Laura Agudelo at Grassfield High School with MNH Scholarship written on the envelope along with your name or email all materials to Laura Agudelo at laura.agudelo@cpschools.com with the subject heading (Your Name)/MNH Scholarship by May 1, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.

Eligibility Requirements

1. Applicant must have participated in the Grassfield High School Theatre Company for at least two seasons and be a member in good standing of the International Thespian Society.
2. Applicant must be attending a 2- or 4-year college/university full-time for the following 2026 - 2027 academic year.
3. Applicant must have a minimum GPA of 3.00.
4. The applicant must present a document stating that they have been accepted to the college or university of their choosing.

Application Process

1. Applicant must complete all components of the application below.
2. Applicant must include one (1) letter of reference from a teacher who cannot be Ms. Laura Agudelo, GHS theatre teacher.
3. The applicant must complete two short answer questions and one 250- to 500-word essay. The questions and essay prompt are included in the application packet.
4. Applications must be submitted to Ms. Agudelo by Friday, May 1, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. Scholarships will be awarded at the Fine Arts Awards Banquet. (Wednesday, May 27 at 7:00 p.m.)

Scholarship Application

Please write your answers out clearly or type your answers.

Last Name:

First Name, Middle Initial:

Mailing Address:

City: Chesapeake

State: Virginia

Zip:

Daytime Telephone Number:

Email Address:

List any academic honors, awards, and membership activities you participated in while at GHS:

List your hobbies, outside interests, extracurricular activities, and volunteer activities:

Which college/university do you plan to attend?

What is your anticipated field of study?

Please list the shows you have participated in while a student in the GHS Theatre Company as well as other theatre experiences outside of Grassfield High School:

| SHOW NAME | TYPE | WORK DONE ON THE SHOW |
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| Example: <i>Fiddler on the Roof</i> | Spring Musical | Ensemble and Set creation |
| GHS THEATRE COMPANY | | |
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| OTHER THEATRICAL EXPERIENCES | | |
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Please type your responses on a separate sheet of paper(s) to the following two short answer questions and one essay question. The short answers should be no longer than 75 words, and the essay between 250 – 500 words.

Short Answer Questions:

1. What does “theatre family” mean to you?
2. Reflect upon your memories of theatre at Grassfield, how has one of those memories influenced you in the viewpoint of your world.

Main Essay:

How has your involvement in the theatre family of the Grassfield Theatre Company impacted your life, and how will you apply that to your future?