



TENNESSEE HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH AND DRAMA LEAGUE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

In order to promote and reward involvement in high school Speech and Theatre activities, the Tennessee High School Speech and Drama League will award three (3) \$600 **Kathleen Thayer Beach Memorial Scholarships** each year to deserving seniors. Based on the belief that Speech and Theatre activities are beneficial to all disciplines, a student is not required to major or minor in Speech or Theatre to qualify for the scholarship. It is the responsibility of all applicants to complete the application process before the deadline. Monies will be awarded in the form of a check to the recipient.

Criteria

1. The school of the applicant must be a member of the Tennessee High School Speech and Drama League.
2. All paperwork must be emailed by March 28, 2025 to the Executive Director (mgotcher@tntech.edu).
3. Recipients will be notified at the State Championship tournament.
4. All recipients must be in attendance at the THSSDL State Tournament in April.
5. Scholarship recipients must provide written verification of enrollment in an institution of higher learning before scholarship monies will be awarded.

Students must submit 1 copy of the following items:

1. Completed application form
2. A copy of their high school transcript
3. A copy of their high ACT and/or SAT scores
4. Written approval of the student's Speech/Theatre instructor/coach
5. Competitive Speech/Theatre Participation Form
6. Non-competitive Speech/Theatre Participation Form
7. A written essay discussing the impact of high school speech and theatre activities on the student's life. The essay should be no more than 250 words, typed and double spaced.

The following formula will be used to determine the recipients:

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| 40% | Competitive Speech/Theatre Participation |
| 20% | Grades/Test Scores/Academics |
| 20% | Written Essay |
| 20% | Non-competitive Speech/Theatre participation |

Six (6) finalists will be chosen by the Scholarship Committee of the Executive Council and THSSDL Hall of Fame members will select the three (3) recipients.



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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

High School _____

School Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

School Phone # _____ School Fax # _____

Years at Present School _____

Have you attended another Tennessee school? Yes No

Which school? _____

If yes, were you involved in Speech and Theatre? Yes No

I, _____, Speech/Theatre instructor/coach of _____
do verify that I am aware of and consent to the above student's application for the Tennessee
High School Speech and Drama League Scholarship.

Instructor's Signature Date

Student's Signature Date

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