

GEORGE HELLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS
AFTRA FOUNDATION
260 Madison Ave. • 7th Floor • New York, New York 10016

I. The Scholarships

1. Academic scholarships are available to eligible students on undergraduate and graduate levels, for any field including broadcast journalism and labor relations studies.
2. Performing arts scholarships are also available. Recipients must be accepted by an accredited performing arts institution. These scholarships are not awarded for individual coaching or study with private teachers.
3. Scholarship winners are selected by the Scholarship Committee of the Foundation.
4. Winners of scholarships may attend any accredited college or university in the United States, selecting there any course of study which leads to a Bachelor's or advanced degree.
5. Awards will be determined in June or July. Each scholarship award will become effective when the winner has sent proof of enrollment in the college to which he/she has been admitted.
6. In order to be considered in the competition for a scholarship for the upcoming academic year, applicant must complete the application form and provide all other required information and send them by May 1st to: The George Heller Memorial Scholarship Fund of the AFTRA Foundation, 260 Madison Avenue, 7th Floor, New York, New York, 10016.
7. We regret that grants cannot be renewed.

II. Eligibility

1. An applicant for a scholarship must be an AFTRA member or the dependent child of an AFTRA member in good standing for at least five years, or the dependent child of a deceased member who, at the time of death, was an AFTRA member in good standing for at least five years.

2. Applicants must show both a high level of academic achievement and financial need since the limited number of available scholarships will be awarded on a strictly competitive basis. The amount of the individual award will depend upon the financial need of the family and the availability of funds; it may be for less but cannot now be for more than \$2500.
3. The applicant must send a fully completed application form plus all other required information by May 1st.

III. Application Guidelines

1. In order for an application to be considered, it must include:
 - a. A fully completed application form, typewritten or legibly handwritten by the applicant. Any and all material must be clearly identified in the upper right-hand corner with the full name of the applicant on whose behalf it is being sent (including IRS returns, etc.).
 - b. The original essay described in the application form. Please be sure to observe the prescribed length for the essay.
 - c. Your high school or college transcript, which may be sent separately by the school or college. Please ask for it in time so that it is received by us no later than May 1st;
 - d. Two letters of recommendation, which must be received by us no later than **May 1st**.
 - e. To determine an applicant's financial need, the following:
 - i. A complete copy of applicant's last Federal tax return, including all supplemental schedules and forms.
 - ii. A complete copy of the last Federal tax return, including all supplemental schedules and forms of the parent, guardian, or other person who claims applicant as a dependent;
 - iii. In the instance of divorce or separation, a complete copy of the last Federal tax return, including all supplemental schedules and forms, of parent or guardian having custody;
 - iv. A statement describing financial support (child support and mandatory obligations to defray educational expenses), if any, given by a divorced or separated parent.

All information will be held in strict confidence.

2. Please note:

- a. Read the requirements carefully. Be sure you are eligible;
- b. Your financial need and academic excellence are the primary criteria;
- c. Your academic transcript and all supporting material are carefully considered;
- d. Neatness, spelling and grammar are important and do count;
- e. No application will be considered without all required information received in a timely fashion;
- f. Please enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope

N.B.: These scholarships are funded solely by voluntary tax-deductible contributions; they are not funded by the dues of AFTRA members.