



The Rhoda Klitsner “Follow Your Dream” Scholarship

The Rhoda Klitsner “Follow Your Dream” Scholarship was established in memory of Rhoda Klitsner, former artistic director of the Diablo Theatre Company. Rhoda, who died April 19, 2003, was the guiding light of the company for 42 years. This annual scholarship fund helps individuals who love the performing arts follow their own professional theatrical dream.

SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY:

Applicants must be an actor, singer, dancer or technician endeavoring to become a “professional.” This could include a performer who is moving to New York or Los Angeles to pursue performance as a career or a person who has chosen to attend a full-time performing arts college or program.

Applicants must be at least 18 years of age as of August 1 of the application year and reside in Contra Costa County. Preference will be given to applicants who have been involved in the Diablo Theatre Company in a major way. Ideally, the applicant would have performed or is performing in a youth, teen or Diablo Theatre Company mainstage.

SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS:

The applicant will be asked to provide standard personal information as well as a one to two-page narrative explaining his or her artistic dream, how the dream came about and how this scholarship may help him or her realize that dream.

Application must be postmarked or timestamped by midnight PST on May 14 to be considered.

ADMINISTRATION:

The Rhoda Klitsner “Follow Your Dream” Scholarship shall be administered by Diablo Theatre Company, a 501c3 organization. A scholarship Committee will be appointed annually by the Board of Directors. The committee may include Stu Klitsner, husband of Rhoda who created the scholarship, the Managing Director of Diablo Theatre Company and 2-3 board members.

The committee will establish application deadlines, review applications and verify documentation. Recommendations will come from this committee to the Board of Directors for final selection and approval.