

**The Raymond Cruz Memorial Gift of Song College Audition Scholarship
Application Form**

The Raymond Cruz Gift of Song College Audition Scholarship assists rising seniors from underrepresented groups in their pursuit of a college degree in Musical Theatre and/or Acting. This scholarship aims to assist students who do not have the resources to prepare and pay for the complex process of auditioning for MT and Acting programs.

To apply, candidates should take the following steps:

1. Complete the form below.
2. Submit a self-tape that includes one 60-second monologue from any play and one 60-second song from any genre of musical theatre.
3. Write a short essay (300 words or less) about why you want to pursue performing arts in college and as a career.
4. Provide proof of financial need (i.e. copy of parent's 1040 tax form or paycheck stubs, or a statement of need describing your family's financial situation, signed by a parent or guardian)
5. Email the completed form, your essay, financial documents and self-tape files, (or YouTube link) to thegiftofsongus@gmail.com. Please also include a recent picture or headshot.

ALL INFORMATION SUBMITTED WILL BE KEPT STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

Student's Name: _____

Email: _____

Mobile Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Address
(Street/City/State/Zip): _____

Parent or Guardian Name(s): _____

Email: _____

Mobile Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Address:
(Street/City/State/Zip): _____

Please list two references:

Name: _____

Relationship to applicant: (i.e. teacher, employer, etc): _____

3. List any other relevant experience you'd like us to know about.

Thank you for applying!

What to expect after submitting your application:

-The scholarship panel will review all applications. We may email you to schedule a phone call or zoom/facetime session for a brief interview to gain further insight on your goals and passion for pursuing a performing arts degree.

-Applications will be accepted through May 31, 2022. The scholarship winner will be announced June 15, 2022.

-Some services and assistance may be available to those who apply but are not awarded the scholarship. Those opportunities will be announced shortly after the scholarship recipient is selected.

What we ask of our scholarship winner and their family:

Your success in this process is dependent upon good communication skills and continued passion to reach your college goals. Our primary focus is to provide the resources to make it happen! If selected for the Raymond Cruz College Scholarship, you agree to:

- Provide timely responses to communication from us.
- Work with your counselor in setting and keeping deadlines for tasks related to college auditions, training and preparation.
- Keep receipts for authorized purchases related to college auditions and provide these receipts to us for reimbursement as required.
- Come prepared to all training sessions, auditions and interviews related to the process.

Doing these things will help you maximize your scholarship and ultimately make the process easier on you and your family!