



Theatre Under The Stars Tommy Tune Awards Scholarship Opportunities

VISION STATEMENT

The Tommy Tune Awards Program celebrates the educational value, artistry, and community of high school musical theatre in the Greater Houston area.

Education: No matter your role in the creative process, experiences in the arts cultivate confidence, spark creative thinking, and inspire life-long learning.

Artistry: The arts are a safe haven for exploration, reflection, and innovation. The Tommy Tune Awards is an opportunity for students and educators to share their creative accomplishments as individuals, as collaborators, and as members of the greater Houston community.

Community: We believe in the power of learning, collaborating, and growing together. As we celebrate our shared experience of musical theatre, we as an artistic and educational community, enhance the future of our students, our art, and our city.

WHAT ARE THE TOMMY TUNE AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS?

The Tommy Tune Awards Program celebrates the educational value, artistry, and community of high school musical theatre in the Greater Houston area through adjudication, healthy competition, and creative programming. The Tommy Tune Awards offers an opportunity for students and educators to share their creative accomplishments while instilling in young people the value of engaging in the performing arts as a lifelong pursuit.

Theatre Under The Stars awards merit and needs-based scholarships to outstanding students from the 51 schools that are part of the 2018 Tommy Tune Awards Program. The recipients range from performers, designers, directors, technicians, choreographers, and musicians who have been involved in their school's Tommy Tune production. TUTS and the Tommy Tune Awards have awarded 129 student university scholarships, totaling \$378,000 in individual arts-based scholarships.

As the administrative body of the Tommy Tune Awards, TUTS is honored to help shine a light on some of the incredibly talented artists who call Houston home. The 51 schools that signed-up to participate in this year's Tommy Tune Awards Program are examples of the palpable difference that the arts and arts education makes in our community.

SCHOLARSHIPS:

Tommy Tune Scholarships The Tommy Tune Scholarships are awarded to applicants who have achieved excellence in the field of musical theatre. Students are considered based on merit-based qualifications as well as financial qualifications. The number of Tommy Tune Scholarships available varies per year.

Scholarships include: Ruth Denney Scholarship

Sean Rudolph Scholarship

APPLICATION TIMELINE

Date	Benchmark
October 17, 2018	Scholarship Information available
February 19, 2019	Scholarship Applications due
April 30, 2019	Tommy Tune Awards
July 1, 2019	All Recipient information solidified
July 19, 2019	Scholarship Check #1 mailed to recipient universities
November 14, 2019	All Recipient information solidified
December 13, 2019	Scholarship Check #2 mailed to recipient universities

APPLICATION LINK

Tommy Tune Scholarship information and Application Link can be found at:

www.tuts.com/tommy-tune-awards-scholarship-information

Please contact tta@tuts.com ATTN: Scholarships for questions.

STUDENT QUALIFICATIONS:

Merit-based Qualifications

- Must be a student at a 2018 Tommy Tune Participating School or an Alternate School.
- Must have been an active participant in their Tommy Tune Participating School's musical.
- Must be a graduating senior.
- Must plan to major in theatre, music, dance, arts administration, technical theatre, stage management, light/set/wardrobe design or theatre/music/dance education in college.
- Must maintain a "B" average or above in all areas of academic study. A B average is generally a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, or a 3.4 on a 4.5 scale.
- Must have participated in theatrical activities throughout the majority of their high school career.

Financial Needs-based Qualifications:

- This portion of the application is optional.
- Students must fill out the Financial Aid Application and turn in the Signed Tax Information to be considered for financial scholarship funds.
- Qualification pending approval by TUTS' Director of Finance.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS – INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED:

All Scholarships:

- **Online Application**
 - Contact information
 - Academic Information including GPA, class rank (if available)
 - Anticipated University and Major
 - Training and Experience
 - Awards and Honors, & Community Involvement and Service
 - Extra-Curricular Activities
 - Optional Resume
- **Academic Record**
 - Copy of student transcript or academic record
- **Student Essay Questions:**
 - **Required for all Applicants:**
 - Who are you as an artist?
 - How does your future in the performing arts tie into the Tommy Tune Awards Core Values of artistry, education, and community?
 - **Required for Applicants seeking Financial Aid:**
 - Why would receiving this scholarship be beneficial for you?
- **Teacher Recommendation Form** (found in this packet and at tuts.com/tta)
- **Proof of Acceptance to a College or University:**
 - Copy of an acceptance letter or other proof of acceptance to an institution of higher learning in the coming year.

Students seeking Financial Aid-based Scholarships:

- Students must complete all required elements above AND include:
 - A SIGNED copy of most recent Federal Tax Returns.
 - The Financial Application (found in this packet or at www.tuts.com/tommy-tune-awards-scholarship-information)
 - Student Essay question: Why would receiving this scholarship be beneficial for you?

DISBURSEMENT

- All scholarships will be disbursed directly to the student's university of choice.
- Scholarships will be disbursed in two cycles:
 - August Award
 - January Award

This is to ensure that students have the support at the beginning of their program of choice and are staying enrolled through the first semester.
- In order to receive the second semester award, Students must prove that they are enrolled at their university for the second semester.
 - This can be done by sending tta@tuts.com a copy of their Proof of Registration.
- If a student is not enrolled for the second semester at their university, one of two things may happen:
 - If a student is transferring schools, they may apply to have their allotment come with them to the next school, if they are entering a performing arts program.
 - If a student is not going back to school at all, funds will go to the next scholarship recipient on the list.
 - Ex. If a student receives a \$3,000 scholarship, but only stays in school one semester, the remaining \$1,500 of their scholarship will be given to the next person on the scholarship list.

RECIPIENT REQUIREMENTS

In order to receive their award Scholarship Recipients are required to:

- Be enrolled in a 4 year educational institution in an approved degree program (see Application Requirements) for at least one semester prior to check dispersal.
 - All scholarship checks will be sent directly to the University, not to the student.
 - If a recipient decides not to pursue their intended studies in the qualified program by the time of dispersal, the scholarship will be forfeited in total.
- Provide the information below to Theatre Under The Stars prior to **July 13, 2018**:
 - The name of the university you have decided to attend with a full mailing address where the check needs to be sent.
 - Ex: Registrar, University of X, Somewhere, TX 00000 etc.
 - A copy of a Letter of Acceptance to the university
 - A copy of the Letter of Acceptance into a qualifying program.
 - Per the scholarship application guidelines, student must plan to major in theatre, music, dance, arts administration, technical theatre, stage management, light/set/wardrobe design or theatre/music/dance education at your chosen university.
 - Your Social Security Number and Student Number (if assigned).
 - If you are not comfortable emailing information of this nature, please contact Director of Community Engagement at 713-558-8801 or tta@tuts.com.
 - A Thank You Letter to the Tommy Tune Scholarship Committee.
 - These letters are very important to the various donors who have made this program possible.
 - Letter can be formatted as a PDF, or can be mailed to:
Theatre Under the Stars
Attn: TTA Scholarship Committee
800 Bagby Street, Suite 200
Houston, TX 77002



Tommy Tune Awards Scholarship Financial Application

Student Name:

Date of Birth:

School:

Address for all Correspondence:

City

State

Zip

Name of Parent/Stepparent/Guardian 1 at this address

Daytime phone

Evening Phone

Email Address

Cell Phone Number

Occupation

Employer

Monthly Earnings (before taxes)

\$

Name of Parent/Stepparent/Guardian 2 at this address

Daytime phone

Evening Phone

Email Address

Cell Phone Number

Occupation

Employer

Monthly Earnings (before taxes)

\$

Additional Monthly Household Income:

\$

(include ALL sources—alimony/support from non-custodial parent, veteran/social security benefits, unemployment/workers' comp, federal/state aid, etc.)

Average monthly household expenses (eg, rent, utilities, groceries, etc.): **\$**

Please include additional information into your essay: Why would receiving this scholarship be beneficial for you?
(Are there any extenuating circumstances?)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date



Tommy Tune Awards Scholarship Teacher Recommendation Form

Student Name

Teacher Name and title

Name of school/organization

Email address

Phone Number

of years you've worked with student:

Why do you believe that this student is deserving of a Tommy Tune Scholarship?

Please use examples related to the student's academic achievement, their ability to be creative, collaborate, and act in a leadership capacity.

Signature

10/24/18, SRB

Date