



FRESNO-LEXUS SCHOLARSHIP

For Junior Company Members & Alumni

Sponsored by Fresno Lexus



What is this scholarship?

The Junior Company Foundation is proud to award emerging local performing artists with scholarship funds to further their education or artistic development. The 2020 scholarships are open to any past or present Junior Company members regardless of age or financial need, and are made possible by the generosity of Fresno-Lexus Broadway in Fresno series matching grant program.

What are the scholarship application requirements?

All applicants must submit a completed application, which includes the following

- a one-page personal essay about themselves and how they intend to use the scholarship (see below for more guidance).
- a letter of recommendation, written by someone from within the performing arts field (e.g. music teacher, drama coach) and must be attached to application (letters should speak to the applicant's personal qualities and potential for growth and include the recommender's full name, address, phone or email contact in addition to being dated within the year).
- top 6 qualifying applicants will be expected to attend an interview (in-person or virtual) on **July 18, 2020 (date subject to change)**. The top 6 applicants will be contacted by a scholarship committee member to schedule their interview time. *An interview does not guarantee the scholarship award.*
- Email completed form and additional pages to: JCF Scholarship Committee at jrcompanyfoundation@gmail.com by **June 30, 2020 by 5pm.**

What can the scholarship be used for?

The scholarship is to be used for continuing education in an artistic field. Such as: college courses, dance classes, voice lessons, acting sessions, performance camps and/or intensives, workshops, performing arts related field trips, etc. Personal items such as books, make-up, clothing and shoes are not eligible unless they are included in the course package description. Travel is not included.

What are the obligations and responsibilities of recipients?

- Submit proof of qualifying course acceptance prior to disbursement.
- Payment will be made to the qualifying course in which the scholarship is intended for (not the scholarship winner, unless proof is given that they have already made payment to the qualifying course).
- Funds must be used by **December 31, 2020.**

How are the winners selected?

Applicants will be judged on:

- Strength of essay and intentions for use of scholarship funds
- Letter of recommendation
- Evidence of community involvement, including theatre related experiences
- Completeness of application

Who handles Scholarship procedures?

Outside judges will assess applications and essays based on the rubric provided. Top scores are submitted for final interview recommendation and selected by Mike Gibson, General Manager of Fresno Lexus. Fresno Lexus makes all final award selections and amounts and all decisions are final

About the Junior Company Foundation

The Junior Company Foundation* (JCF) is a group of like-minded volunteers dedicated to promoting and advancing the Good Company Players' Junior Company. The JCF combines their desire to promote performing arts in the Fresno area with their interest in providing opportunities for youth to express their talents and creativity.

Our Goals

- Promote and advance the Good Company Players' Junior Company Program.
- To raise funds and create partnerships that provide scholarships and training programs in our local community.
- To introduce youth to new avenues of creativity, expression, and build their confidence to believe in their talents.

*The Junior Company Foundation is an independent, separate entity from Good Company Players, the Second Space and Roger Rocka's Dinner Theater.



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Please read the Scholarship Information page for additional details.
A one-page essay must accompany this form.

Full Name:

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yr):

Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Phone:

Email:

Year in School/Highest Grade Completed:

Past Scholarship Winner? Yes No If yes, what was the scholarship used for? (complete statement)

Work experience and/or community service (including theatre-related experience):

Awards/other interesting information:

Parents/Legal Guardian (if under 18):

Applicant's Signature

Parents/Legal Guardian (if under 18)

Date

Email completed form and additional pages to: JCF Scholarship Committee at jrcompanyfoundation@gmail.com by June 30, 2020 at 5:00pm.

Personal Essay Prompt and Guidance

Prompt: Tell us about yourself, why you should be a JCF Fresno Lexus Scholarship recipient and how you plan to use the scholarship money.

Use this opportunity to tell us about your passion for the arts, your community involvement and how you plan to use the funds to grow as a performer and a person. Share any special training you've had (dance classes, voice lessons, drama coaching), your hobbies and interests and how they relate to your desire to seek more training. Be sure to give specific examples and tie those to your goals (educational, career, and personal). Finally, please include what the cost of your training will be or is expected to be.

Scoring Rubric for Fresno Lexus Scholarship

Criteria	4 points	3 points	2 points	1 point
Letter of recommendation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong recommendation • Provides insight into the applicant's character and strengths • Communicates the applicant's motivation, leadership and/or commitment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendation Included • Provides some insight but might not include important or full details 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questionable recommendation • Missing elements or doesn't support applicants application 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No recommendation included
Essay/Personal Statement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal statement is well-written with details that are thoughtful and focused. • Communicates clearly what the request is and provides support for the request • Communicates applicants passion for the arts and their future goals. • Provides examples of community involvement and how that is applicable to the request. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal statement is well-written but could have been more focused • Provides some details in support of request • Communicates applicants' passion but leaves important details out. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal statement is not as well-written or as in-depth as it could have been with information that is not well thought out. • The applicant could have put more thought and effort into explaining the reason for applying and/or their passion for the arts. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal statement is poorly written, doesn't completely address the prompt • Demonstrates a lack of effort and focus. • The applicant did not explain what they would use the scholarship for.
Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application was carefully completed and well presented • Applicant included work/volunteer experience pertinent to the scholarship. • Instructions were followed. • Application is neat, proof-read and free of errors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application is complete. • Instructions were followed. • Application was neat, but had proofing and/or clarity problems. • Applicant included few details about experience pertinent to scholarship. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application is complete but is difficult to read and follow. • Applicant did not include pertinent information regarding past work/volunteering experience. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application is incomplete or illegible.
Additional Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application and personal statement clearly show that the applicant is highly motivated and has strong potential to succeed in developing artistically. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application and personal statement show that the applicant has a passion and a plan for personal growth but it may not be as organized as it could. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application and personal statement show applicant's love for the arts but lacks a clear explanation for the purpose of continuing their studies. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application and personal statement show applicant's lack of motivation or purpose for continuing their studies.

Total Points _____/16