

Dear Theatre Educators and Counselors,

We are excited to bring back the College of Creative Arts Scholarship opportunity to the 2024 FREDDY Awards! This award from the West Virginia University School of Theatre & Dance, is presented to a student who will begin their studies in Fall of 2025. The award, when combined with other funds from WVU, will equal the cost of tuition in 2025. To be eligible, a student must be attending a FREDDY participating school, but they do not need to be cast in or otherwise affiliated with the production being reviewed for the FREDDY's.

Who should participate? Any student planning to begin their college education in Fall 2025 who will be pursuing a major in Musical Theatre or Theatre Design and Technology.

Are they committing to WVU by participating? No. The award is only an offer. Students are encouraged to consider all scholarship offers from all schools prior to making a final decision about WVU.

Is the award renewable? Yes, the award renews for four years of study.

Why choose WVU? WVU is a Land Grant University with R1 status located in Morgantown, West Virginia. Our School of Theatre & Dance has produced academy award nominated actors, Broadway stars, designers, and other theatre professionals. Our BFA programs offer intensive study in the theatre, while allowing for the academic exploration that a land grant university provides.

What do we need from you? For you to encourage your students to participate. To be able to offer the award, we need to have at least five students participating.

Why recommend my student to participate in the program? In addition to the scholarship opportunity which will be presented to one student. All participants will get an early glimpse of the audition and portfolio review process ahead of their senior year and a chance to hone their skills.

Where Can I learn More? The WVU FREDDY Webpage <https://ccarts.wvu.edu/future-students/scholarships-and-financial-information/FREDDY-awards> has all the information you and your student will need to get started. This year, we will also be hosting two live Q&A sessions, on February 28th and March 8th at 4:00. The Zoom link is <https://wvu.zoom.us/j/3623105830> . You can also reach out to me by email or phone at jfroemel@mail.wvu.edu or 304-293-4339.

Timeline

The application will be available at <https://ccarts.wvu.edu/future-students/scholarships-and-financial-information/FREDDY-awards> beginning on March 1st and will close on May

13th. Auditions will be held live at the State Theatre in Easton, PA on Tuesday, May 21st at 2:00pm.

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