



**The Carbonell Awards**  
South Florida's Theater & Arts Honors Since 1976

**2016 JACK ZINK MEMORIAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP**

January 20, 2016

RE: 2016 Jack Zink Memorial Student Scholarship, presented by The Carbonell Awards

Dear Educator:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of The Carbonell Awards, I am pleased to announce that we are now accepting nominations for the 2016 Jack Zink Memorial Student Scholarship Program. Scholarships are awarded to graduating high school seniors who have achieved a minimum 2.5 GPA and are intending to enroll in college to pursue a degree in theatre or journalism. The selection of recipients is based on talent, experience and demonstrated commitment to the theatre. The funds will be disbursed to the students selected when they have enrolled in college.

Jack Zink (1947-2008) was a major voice in South Florida entertainment coverage for more than three decades. During his long career, he was employed as entertainment editor, columnist, critic and reporter at each of South Florida's major newspapers — The South Florida Sun-Sentinel, The Miami Herald, The Palm Beach Post & Evening Times and The Fort Lauderdale News. Mr. Zink was the founder and a past president of the Carbonell Awards, a past president of The American Theatre Critics' Association, and during his lifetime was a recipient of the Sun-Sentinel newspaper's highest award, The Fred Pettijohn Award, given annually to the publication's top reporters; and of South Florida's George Abbott Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Arts.

This year, The Carbonell Awards will be awarding three scholarships in the amount of \$1,000.00, each, to three deserving students. The scholarships will be awarded to one student from each of three South Florida counties, Broward, Miami-Dade and Palm Beach, and will be presented during the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Carbonell Awards ceremony on April 4, 2016, at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

- Student must be a graduating high school senior with a minimum 2.5 GPA
- Student must be a resident of Broward, Miami-Dade or Palm Beach county
- Student must be nominated by a mentor from school or theatre  
(No parents and no self-nominations)

□ If selected for a scholarship Student must be accepted into College to pursue a degree in theatre or journalism to receive the award.

#### APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

A student's mentor (director, teacher, guidance counselor who has first-hand knowledge and experience with the student) must nominate the student to be considered for the scholarship. However, the student is required to complete the bio as well as all other elements of the application. The nominator may assist the student if requested by the student to do so.

#### SCORING CRITERIA

The judging committee will evaluate scholarship applicants and select scholarship winners based on the following criteria:

- 15 pts. Letter of Recommendation
- 20 pts. Student Bio
- 20 pts. Educational Goals
- 20 pts. Theatre or Journalism Experience
- 25 pts. Interview/audition

The deadline for submission of applications is February 25, 2016. The application form can be found at <http://carbonellawards.org>.

Student Scholarship Applications must be submitted via email to Jerome Cohen, Chair of the Scholarship Committee at: [jjc25@aol.com](mailto:jjc25@aol.com) Should you have any questions, you may e-mail or call Mr. Cohen at 305-893-4352.

Please Note: The interview/audition on March 21, is mandatory for finalists. If the student knows now that he or she cannot be present on that day, an application should not be submitted.

Yours very truly,

The Carbonell Awards

Donald R. Walters, President