



**THE CARBONELL AWARDS**  
**SOUTH FLORIDA'S THEATER & ARTS HONORS**

## **2026 STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Scholarships are awarded to graduating high school seniors who have achieved a minimum 2.5 GPA and are enrolled 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.

Student's Full Name:

Address:

City / State / Zip / County:

Student's Phone / EMail:

Student's High School / GPA:

Nominator's Full Name:

Nominator's Phone / EMail:

Nominator's Relationship to Student:

Nominator's Signature:

### **STUDENT ELIGIBILITY:**

Graduating high school senior with a minimum 2.5 GPA

- \* 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, must be accepted into college to pursue a degree in theatre or

- \* journalism to receive the award

## **APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:**

1- Complete the application as directed. 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 Student Bio as well as all other elements of the application. The nominator may assist if requested by the student to do so.

2- Save all documents into one PDF file.

3- EMail the PDF file to: [scholarships@carbonellawards.org](mailto:scholarships@carbonellawards.org) no later than the deadline on: February 28, 2026

4- Direct any questions to Nancy Cohen: [scholarships@carbonellawards.org](mailto:scholarships@carbonellawards.org) or (305) 332-7791

## **REVIEW PROCESS:**

1- The Scholarship Review Committee will review all nominations and assign a score for each component of the Scholarship Application. Maximum points awarded on the Application: 75

2- The top point scorers on the Application of students from Broward / Miami-Dade and Palm Beach Counties will advance to the Interview / Audition stage. Finalists selected for the Interview / Audition may perform a monologue or song or present a show design portfolio, photos or written critique to support their interview. Finalists must appear at the interview which will be held on Saturday, April 4, 2026, at John Knox Village in Pompano Beach. Maximum points awarded: 25

3- The top scoring applicant from each County will receive a double scholarship worth \$3,000, including a \$2,000 Jack Zink Memorial Scholarship and a \$1,000 Hap Erstein Memorial Scholarship.

Please note: *The Interview / Audition will be held on Saturday, March 21, 2026, at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts in Fort Lauderdale, and is mandatory for finalists. If the student knows now they cannot be present during that day, please do not submit an application.*

**NOMINATOR LETTER: Maximum 15 Points**

The Nominator is required to write a Letter of Recommendation explaining why the Student Nominee is deserving of the Carbonell Student Scholarship Award.

**STUDENT BIO: Maximum 20 Points**

The Student shall write a biographical essay describing personal life experiences.

**STUDENT EDUCATIONAL GOALS: Maximum 20 Points**

The Student is required to explain personal educational goals in pursuit of higher education.

**COLLEGE INFORMATION:**

List colleges you have applied to and check the box with the current status of your application.

Accepted / Pending

1-

2-

3-

**STUDENT THEATRE / JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE: Maximum 20 Points**  
The Student is required to detail personal theatre / journalism experience.

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: (optional)**

The Student may detail personal professional theatre / journalism experience.