

ESU Theatre - 2010 Scholarship Audition Guidelines

All **incoming students** (freshmen or transfer) who wish to be considered for a **theatre scholarship** at Emporia State University **must audition and/or interview** with the ESU theatre faculty. Scholarship auditions for the 2010-11 academic year will be on February 5 or 6, 2010. Please call Barb Ternes at 620-341-5256 **after January 13, 2010** and make an appointment for an audition time for either Friday afternoon February 5, or Saturday morning, February 6. If you cannot attend the auditions and interviews on these dates, please send an email to the Director of Theatre (jbartruf@emporia.edu).

For those interested in **technical theatre**, make an interview appointment for February 5 or 6. At that time present your portfolio, which might include drafting projects, design renderings/drawings (costumes, scenery, or lights), art projects, graphic arts, drawings, photographs of your production construction, prompt books, etc. Essentially, you should include anything that shows design/production potential. Be prepared to explain and discuss your projects with the faculty. These **portfolio presentations** have a three-minute time limit.

For those who audition, we require **TWO memorized, solo pieces**, not exceeding **three minutes in combined length**. Choose material that suits you and shows your ability to best advantage. It is generally best to play characters close to your own age and who express feelings that you share or understand. While we prefer dramatic monologues, you may use material from other mediums (such as poetry or prose) provided that it is appropriately edited. If you sing, we strongly encourage you to include a song as one of your two audition pieces, as ability in musical theatre greatly enhances your chances for a scholarship offer. We prefer Broadway show tunes, but any piece of vocal music is acceptable. Limit the length of your song to a single verse (16-32 bars.) You must provide your own accompanist or bring taped accompaniment. A cassette tape/CD player will be available. Please **DO NOT sing without accompaniment**.

All students must provide a complete and updated **resume** that includes your name, address and phone number. It should list all of your theatre activities including roles, stage-managing, designs, crew assignments, publicity, and so on. Include any awards you may have won. We are also interested in other school and community activities. Please include your cumulative GPA and composite ACT score. If you have not yet applied for admission to ESU when you come to audition, you will be required to do so. This application process requires a fee of \$30 (payable to Emporia State University.) Access the ESU application form online <http://www.emporia.edu/admiss/>

In addition, please bring a recent photograph, a copy of your latest high school or college transcript, and at least one letter of recommendation from a teacher. Here is an audition checklist:

- _____ **Résumé**, including GPA and composite ACT
- _____ Recent **photograph** (senior portrait or 8x10 headshot)
- _____ High school/college **transcript**
- _____ Completed **ESU application** (*Requires a \$30 fee. See ESU admissions.*)
- _____ Letter of **recommendation** from teacher
- _____ **Portfolio material** (technical theatre)
- _____ Two **memorized, solo acting pieces**, 3 minutes total length maximum
- _____ Music or CD (if singing)

At the conclusion of your audition/interview, you will have an informal discussion time with the theatre faculty to discuss your audition, your resume, your plans, and answer any questions you may have about our program and about ESU. For more information, please call Jim Bartruff, Director of Theatre (620) 341-5704. To make an appointment for an audition, call Barb Ternes at (620) 341-5256.