



Patti & Walter Blenko SCHOLARSHIP FUND

2025 Applications Accepted

Applications are being accepted for the **Patti & Walter Blenko Scholarship Fund for the Technical and Performing Arts** through May 15, 2025.

- High school seniors residing in the greater Pittsburgh area* are eligible to apply if they have been accepted into an accredited college, university, or conservatory that offers a four-year program in theater or performing arts, e.g., dance, drama, music, voice, costume or set design, etc. (**Allegheny, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Lawrence, Washington and Westmoreland counties.*)
- Scholarships are awarded in amounts up to \$4,000. The amount and number of scholarships awarded will be determined by the scholarship committee. Scholarships are to be used for tuition only. Checks will be made payable to the school specified by the student.
- Students who have been granted one or more partial scholarships are eligible for a Patti & Walter Blenko Scholarship, but those who have received a *full* scholarship from any other source are not.
- The scholarship committee will evaluate each application on criteria such as the student's financial need, scholastic merit, and school/community involvement to determine semi-finalists.
- Each semi-finalist will be invited to audition for the scholarship committee. Auditions are judged on talent, professional presence, and interpersonal skills. The audition location is in the Pittsburgh area and will be disclosed to semi-finalists.
- The Patti & Walter Blenko Scholarship Fund intends to offer scholarships on an annual basis. However, the board of directors reserves the right to modify or discontinue the program at any time.
- All applicants are eligible without regard to race, color, gender, or national origin.
- **Completed applications may either be submitted via [Blenko.org](https://blenkofund.org) or by printing and mailing along with the following documents to:** Patti Matty Blenko, 779 Broughton Road, Bethel Park, PA 15101
- Applicants must enclose the following with their completed application:
 - ✓ High School Transcripts
 - ✓ Resumé
 - ✓ Narrative Sketch
 - ✓ Statement of Financial Need
 - ✓ Letters of Recommendation
 - ✓ Headshot

For more information visit blenkofund.org or contact: Patti Blenko 412-498-8953 or patti@blenkofund.org



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You may either submit your application through the Fund's online application system at blenkofund.org or by printing out and completing this form, and mailing it along with the required documents to Patti Blenko, 779 Broughton Rd., Bethel Park PA 15102

Applicant Name _____

Date of Birth _____ Email _____ Phone _____

Home Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Number of Siblings _____ Ages(s) of Siblings _____

Indicate the area for which you will audition:

Dance Drama Voice Music (Specify instrument) _____

Costume Design Set Design Lighting Sound Other _____

High School attended _____

High School mailing address _____

The following must be enclosed with your application:

- Transcripts:** Applicant must furnish a high school transcript, either original or copy.
- Resumé:** Please list experience you have in areas relating to your interests, including: classes taken, special trainings, performances and competitions; awards and recognition
- Narrative Sketch:** Compose a brief statement (400-500 words) defining your reasons for majoring in theater arts and why you believe you are a qualified candidate for this scholarship. Include your aspirations and goals, important influences in your life, and contributions you've made which you believe will make you an exemplary theatre student.
- Financial Need Statement:** Be specific about your financial needs. Explain how this scholarship will make a significant impact in your academic life. Please include a copy of the SAR (Student Aid Report).
- Letters of Recommendation:** Include two recent letters of recommendation from people familiar with your abilities in your selected performance area.
- Two headshots or full-length photos**