

# Policy – Winding River Players Award for Meritorious Participation in the Theatre Arts

**Principle:** Winding River Players believes in promoting the love of live theater by rewarding the cumulative theatre arts efforts of talented young people of Bradford County.

**Intent:** This policy will provide definitions, criteria and guidelines around the Award, its administration and the Award process.

## **Definitions:**

WRP – Winding River Players, Inc

Board – WRP Board of Directors

Award Committee – a Board-appointed group of one or more Board or Company members appointed on a yearly basis whose purpose is to manage the award process.

Award Subcommittee – [optional] one or more theatrically qualified individuals appointed by the Award Committee to evaluate portfolios and/or hold auditions.

Award – A one-time grant of money.

Applicant – A graduating senior of a Bradford County High.

## **Policy:**

At their discretion, the Board, will appoint an Award Committee on a yearly basis, to oversee the Award Process.

The Award Committee

- shall consist of one or more Board or Company Members.
- will follow the Guidelines of the Award Process<sup>1</sup>.
- will notify the Board of their selection and provide the Board with the requisite information for the Treasurer to manage the disbursement of funds.
- may delegate the audition and/or portfolio review to one or more qualified judges consisting of Board and/or Company members and base the winner of the Award on the recommendation of the Award Subcommittee.

Disbursement of the Award funds will be made directly to the recipient at an Awards Ceremony to be scheduled by WRP, and be done in such a way as to maximize the publicity value of the event for WRP.

**Eligibility Criteria:** Applicant must

- be a graduating Senior of Bradford County
- demonstrate their acting/technical proficiency through an audition and/or provide a portfolio documenting their continued and ongoing theatrical participation during their high school career.

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<sup>1</sup> See Appendix A

## APPENDIX A – Guidelines: WRP Award Process

### **Amount of Award and Frequency**

Each Award shall be up to \$1,000.00. This sum will be paid directly to the to the recipient.

### **Special Circumstances:**

In the event no Award is awarded during a particular year, for any reason, the money set aside for that Award may (at the Board's discretion) be carried over to the next year and dispersed as an additional Award by the Award Committee. The second Award may be given to an additional individual or disbursed in the form of a Dual Award to a single individual. In no event shall the award be greater than \$2000.00 total for any year unless specifically authorized by the Board.

**Special Consideration** will be given to applicants who:

- have consistently participated in WRP Productions
- will be enrolled in a Theatre Arts program
- demonstrates financial need if enrolled in a Theatre Arts program

### **Time Line**

An Award application package shall be mailed directly to the Guidance Office and Drama Coaches of Bradford County High Schools as soon after the New Year as possible.

The Complete Award Package shall be made available in PDF format for download from the Winding River Player's website.

Completed applications shall be postmarked no later than the date specified in the package. Applications postmarked after this date, or incomplete documentation at any stage will risk disqualification unless special exception is made by the Board.

A copy of this policy will be included in the Application package.

This policy supercedes and replaces any previous policy - Thursday, March 23, 2006

# Winding River Players Award for Meritorious Participation in the Theatre Art – Application

## **Introduction**

1. Winding River Players must receive application on or before the deadline for the High School Graduating Year. Students are advised to contact their High School Guidance or Drama Coach for a copy of this package or download a printable version from [www.wrplayer.org](http://www.wrplayer.org).
2. Eligible applicants will be asked to attend an audition or interview session. It is suggested they dress appropriately. Students who are submitting an application in the acting category will be asked to prepare two 2-minute audition pieces. The audition will also include a "cold reading" selected by the group. Applicants for the technical category should bring portfolios or documentation of their theater activities to the interview.
3. The Award winner will be notified in as soon as possible.
4. The Award will be disbursed directly to the recipient.
5. The winner(s) agree to have their name, photo and pertinent information publicized by Winding River Players.

## **Completed Application must have:**

1. 2 letters of reference plus
2. A letter of recommendation from drama coach or director
3. Resume of theatrical experience

## **6. Failure to meet the above requirements may disqualify the applicant.**

AWARD APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SENT TO:

Winding River Players Award  
415 Main Street  
Towanda, Pa. 18848

Include all letters of reference or have the letters sent to the above address.

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To be filled out and returned by applicant.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_