



Leighton M. Ballew Directing Scholarship

Fundamental Procedures:

- A. The Leighton M. Ballew Directing Scholarship is presented annually (provided a suitable candidate can be found) to a graduate of an accredited undergraduate college or university, attending, or upon entering an accredited program of graduate studies in Theatre Directing.
- B. Either the undergraduate degree or the graduate studies (or both) must be with a college or university within the SETC region.
- C. Administration of this award is assigned to the Leighton M. Ballew Directing Scholarship committee.
- D. Each year, the SETC Central Office will publicize and invite applications for the Leighton M. Ballew Directing Scholarship.
- E. The members of the Leighton M. Ballew Directing Scholarship Committee also are encouraged to publicize the award and invite applications from interested parties.

Amount of the Award:

The amount of the award, determined each year by the SETC Endowment Committee, shall not exceed the amount of income from the principle in any given year unless the Leighton M. Ballew Directing Scholarship committee is able to augment the budget from other sources.

This budget shall include the award amount and complimentary SETC Benefits for the spring convention of the same academic year including:

- A. SETC spring convention student membership and registration;
- B. Three nights hotel, arranged and provided by SETC; and
- C. One ticket to SETC Banquet, where the Ballew Scholar would be recognized.

Qualifications:

To be eligible to receive the Ballew Directing Scholarship, the applicant must submit Application Packet (described below) AND meet at least one of the criteria (A-D) listed below:

- A. Have received an undergraduate degree **or** expect to graduate during the current academic year from an institution within the SETC region, **and** be planning to enter an **accredited program** of graduate studies in Theatre Directing in a college or university in any region during the **academic year** following the convention at which the award is announced; **OR**
- B. Have received an undergraduate degree **or** expect to graduate during the current academic year from an institution in any region, **and** be planning to enter an **accredited program** of graduate studies in Theatre Directing in a college or university within the SETC region during the **academic year** following the convention at which the award is announced; **OR**

- C. Have received an undergraduate degree from an institution within the SETC region, **and** be currently attending and planning to continue in an accredited program of graduate studies in Theatre Directing in a college or university in any region during the **academic year** following the convention at which the award is announced; **OR**
- D. Have received an undergraduate degree from an institution in any region, **and** be currently attending and planning to continue in an accredited program of graduate studies in Theatre Directing in a college or university within the SETC region during the **academic year** following the convention at which the award is announced.

Application Packet:

It is recommended that candidates submit all materials as a single, multi-page PDF document. The following application materials must be provided by each applicant:

- A. Completed application form
- B. Personal letter outlining plans and objectives for graduate work
- C. A complete resume, including work in stage management or play direction
- D. Three reference letters speaking specifically to the applicant's potential as a graduate student in Theatre Directing
- E. Letter of acceptance by an accredited graduate program in Theatre Directing (if available)
- F. Complete, official transcripts from all colleges/universities attended

Application Process Timeline for 2017 Ballew Scholar

- A. **September 15** – Student application deadline.
- B. **October 15** – Selection of finalists made.
- C. **October 20** – Chair notifies finalists and confirms their attendance at LiNK for personal interviews with the committee if necessary or phone interviews are conducted.
- D. All finalists will be notified whether or not they have been selected as the Ballew Scholar by **November 21, 2016**.
- E. The Ballew Scholar will be invited to attend the **2017 SETC Convention**, where scholars are expected to help operate the SETC Scholarships Display table. The Ballew Scholar selected in fall will receive the complimentary SETC Benefits:
 - a. SETC spring convention student membership and registration;
 - b. Three nights hotel, arranged and provided by SETC; and
 - c. One ticket to SETC Banquet, where the Ballew Scholar would be recognized.
- F. **After July 1** – Upon suitable notification to the SETC Executive Director that the Scholar has entered and/or is matriculating in an accredited program of graduate studies in Theatre, the award money will be released.