



Christopher Zinovitch Visionary Scholarship

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The Christopher Zinovitch Visionary Scholarship is established in honor and memory of Christopher Zinovitch, a renowned regional theater director and educator. At the discretion of the Christopher Zinovitch Visionary Scholarship committee, one enrolled high school or college student will be selected to receive a \$500 scholarship. Awarded annually in the spring, the scholarship will go toward the tuition of an established theater program the recipient is accepted into during the next year.

The recipients of this merit-based scholarship will be selected among applicants who:

- are currently in high school or college
- have demonstrated a strong affinity, interest and skills in theater arts
- plan to pursue a career in any aspect of theater: Acting, Directing, Playwriting, Costuming, Lighting, Set Design, Education, Theater Managing/Administrating, etc.

Special consideration will be given to students affiliated with or attending programs at ArtsWest, Issaquah Middle School, Edmonds Home School program, Dakota Stage, or West Seattle residents, all programs and communities that played important roles in Christopher Zinovitch's career. *This is NOT a prerequisite.*



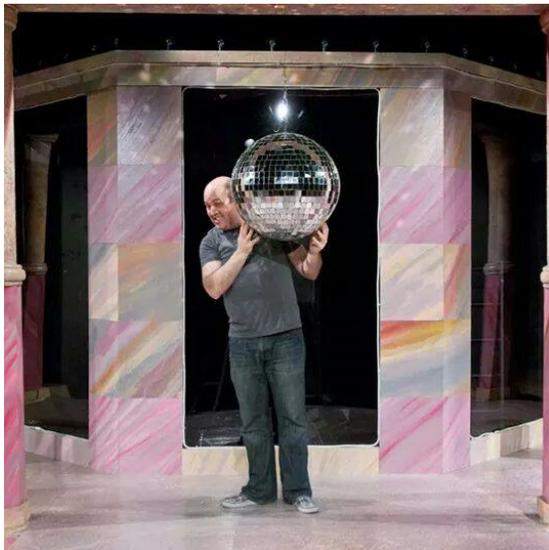
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For nearly 20 years, Christopher Zinovitch gave all he had to theater in every way he could. From Missoula, Montana to Sunnyvale, California to Seattle, Washington to Bismarck, North Dakota, everywhere he went he entertained, inspired and educated. Christopher embraced and excelled at every aspect of the industry from box office, marketing and grant writing to set, sound and light designing to choreography, directing and acting.

He did it all and he shared all he had learned with students of all ages. So, while his love was theater, his passion became mentoring young people, and his vision was fostering all that young people could become. He directed student shows, led classes and launched theater education programs, winning numerous grants and awards along the way. And, to many who began as students, he became a lifelong friend.



In January 2015, we lost Christopher Zinovitch much too soon. He is missed and he is remembered, but the impact he had lives on in his students. He positively influenced many who decided to pursue degrees in theater arts, helping with college choices, letters of recommendations and countless hours of encouragement. Even those who did not pursue professional theater careers found their lives greatly enriched by the theater experience championed by Christopher Zinovitch.



This is a legacy that should not fade away. The opportunity to have his vision continue to influence, inspire and support young people through theater is the reason for the **Christopher Zinovitch Visionary Scholarship**.

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Application Procedures and Guidelines

The Christopher Zinovitch Visionary Scholarship will be awarded to one enrolled high school or college student annually to go toward tuition of an established theater program the recipient is accepted into during the next year.

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Minimum Eligibility

Applicant must:

1. Be currently enrolled in high school or college for the coming year.
2. Provide evidence of acceptance into an established theater program scheduled to occur within *12 months* of the scholarship award date.
3. Demonstrate a strong affinity, interest and skills in theater arts
4. Plan to pursue a career in any aspect of theater: Acting, Directing, Playwriting, Costuming, Lighting, Set Design, Education, Theater Managing/Administrating, etc.

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Application Process

1. Application forms will be available by June 1, 2017 by request.
2. Applicant must complete and mail application packets to address provided below. The packet must contain:
 - a. Completed scholarship application form
 - b. Brief (200-250 words) essay entitled, "Why I am the Right Choice for the Christopher Zinovitch Visionary Scholarship"
 - c. Copy of acceptance notification from theater program applicant will be attending
3. Application packets must be received at the address below no later than September 8, 2017.
4. **If requested after submission**, applicant must provide references from at least **two** of the following: a current theater, music, and/or dance teacher/instructor/director.

Scholarship Awards

The recipient will be selected to receive a scholarship of \$500 at the discretion of the Christopher Zinovitch Scholarship Committee. Scholarships are paid directly to the theater organization, and are designated for tuition only. Scholarships are awarded for a single program, but a recipient may apply for future programs, with a maximum of two awarded scholarships to any one applicant.

SUBMIT ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS AS DESCRIBED ABOVE BY SEPTEMBER 8, 2017 TO:

The Christopher Zinovitch Visionary Scholarship

c/o Business Credit Foundation

PO Box 3665

Seattle, WA 98124

Attn: Jon Flora

**If you have questions regarding the application process or deadline,
please email Carlene Canton at carlenecanton@gmail.com**