

2026 Providence Players Dale Durham Performing Arts Scholarship

The Backstage Crew, an adult/parent organization supporting the Providence Theatre Department, is pleased to sponsor a \$1,000 Performing Arts Award to be presented to a Providence High School incoming freshman.

All three pages of the application must be complete in order to be considered for this award. Teacher recommendation must accompany the application. Award recipient must be enrolled in at least one semester of a Providence performing arts class his/her freshman year.

Mail the completed application to the following address:

Backstage Crew
Dale Durham Performing Arts Award
c/o Providence High School
707 Providence Way
Clarksville, IN 47129

DEADLINE: All applications must be postmarked or received on or before March 12, 2026.

Parent Section

Parent's Full Name: _____

Student's Full Name: _____

Residence: _____

School: _____

Parish: _____

Telephone: _____ (Daytime) _____ (Evening)

Parent Email: _____

I confirm to the best of my knowledge the information included in this application to be accurate and true.
I attest to the fact that this student intends to actively participate in the Providence Performing Arts Program.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

Signature of Student

Recipient will be notified by May 2026. Funds for this award will be applied to the recipient's freshman year tuition balance in the Business Office. If recipient does not attend Providence with at least one performing arts class scheduled freshman year, the award will be presented to the first runner-up.

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Student Section

Student's Name: _____

Scholastic Achievement

Check all that apply:	6th Grade	6th Grade	7th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
	1st Semester	2nd Semester	1st Semester	2nd Semester	1st Semester
First Honors (or equivalent, mostly As, no grade below B)					
Second Honors (or equivalent, As & Bs, no grade below B)					

Performing Arts Activities

In the form below, demonstrate your commitment to the performing arts, focusing on grades 6-8 first. List activities including school classes, professional lessons, productions, and any type of performances. If more space is needed, create your own chart.

Name of Activity	Date(s)	Location	Frequency Times/Week	Role, if applies	Type of culminating performance, if applies
Example: Vocal Lessons	Sept-May 2021	Mom's Music	1 hr 2x week	N/A	Concert

Student Short Essay

Please write a short essay in the space provided (max 200 words) answering the following in a succinct but compelling response. Please do not include your name or name of your school in the essay:

Prompt: If you are applying for this award, performing arts are obviously an important part of who you are. Please let us know why the performing arts are important to you, how you hope to develop your gifts through involvement in the Providence performing arts program, and how you anticipate Providence performing arts will impact your life in the process.

Student will be awarded points based on the following:

- Expressing how Providence theatre will impact the student's life
- Expressing how the student will specifically be able to develop his/her gifts through Providence theatre
- Expressing why performing arts in general is important to the student
- Expressing the student's personality and as well as love for theatre
- Staying within the maximum number of words

Letter of Recommendation Requirement

To Student's Current Middle School Theatre or Music Teacher:

- 1) Please provide to the student a sealed envelope containing a letter of recommendation explaining the applicant's commitment to the performing arts as you have witnessed. Please refrain from using the student's name or school in the letter itself. Student will turn in the envelope with the completed application.
- 2) Please sign below to attest: I have read and confirm to the best of my knowledge, the above information provided by this student to be accurate and true.

Signature of Theatre or Music Teacher

Date