



Sky Charles Curtis Memorial Theatre Scholarship First Colonial High School

Purpose:

This scholarship is offered in memory of Sky Curtis, a member of the Patriot Playhouse and International Thespian Troupe 3178 from his birth until his death on January 22, 2021. Members of International Thespian Society Troupe 3178 who have experience in both acting and technical work and who are pursuing training in theatre either at a college or university or a trade-specific training program.

History:

Above all, Sky was a great friend. He was known for his totally embracing hugs. He supported those around him through hard times and celebrated during the good times. He and his “band of brothers” (Martin Lawrence, Thomas McCuen, John Bowhers, Adam Taylor and Noah Kaplan) maintained their friendship through high school and into adulthood. Several members of this band are actively involved in the selection and distribution process of this scholarship out of their appreciation for Sky.

Sky, like his father, was an actor and a technician. He was never afraid to tackle a production detail. From lighting to construction, he loved solving the problems that come with every process. He was never afraid to work hard or get his hands dirty, and productions and theaters all over the 757 have benefitted from his touch over the years.

In addition to a strong grasp of technical theatre, Sky could also be found on stage, engaging audiences. Sky’s first role was at 6 months old as a carry-on Baby Kamzoil in the VBCPS All-City production of *Fiddler on the Roof*. He took his first step downstage on the stage at LTVB. From Paddington Bear to a funny British Froggy in *The Foreigner*, he loved being on stage. Sky, like his mother, loved the exploration of ideas and language. He loved hearing and telling stories and arguing points for the sake of argument and enjoyed absorbing as much knowledge about everything as possible.

The first annual Sky Curtis Memorial Scholarship was awarded on Sunday, May 22, 2022, during the closing performance of *Guys and Dolls*, Sky’s mother’s final mainstage at the Patriot Playhouse, to Ollie Shoemaker, who had just portrayed the role of Nicely-Nicely Johnson.

THE SKY CHARLES CURTIS MEMORIAL THEATRE SCHOLARSHIP AT FIRST COLONIAL HIGH SCHOOL

Value of Scholarship

Amount of scholarship: \$500.00

Qualifications

A graduating senior at First Colonial High School, a member of the Patriot Playhouse and International Thespian Society Troupe 3178, who has demonstrated the qualities of friendship, loyalty, strength, hard work, humour, love of language and stories, experience in both technical production and performance, and is pursuing training in theatre either at a college or university or a trade-specific training program.

Method of Selection

Applicants will submit an information sheet, theatrical resume, and an essay about the importance of theatre in their life. The completed application should be submitted to:

Playhouse Partners, c/o First Colonial High School
1272 Mill Dam Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23452

Selection will be based on the submitted written material and an interview to be conducted by the selection committee. The committee will be selected by the Board members of the Playhouse Partners, who administer the scholarship. The committee will be comprised of no less than three members and include at least one alumnus, one board member and one volunteer who works with the Partners in support of the Patriot Playhouse.

The recipients of the scholarships will be selected on the basis of theatrical involvement, spirit of teamwork and friendship, problem-solving, and creativity, as evidenced in the application materials and interview.

The Scholarship Selection Committee must receive applications by **Saturday, April 29, 2023**. Final selection of recipient will be made by the Scholarship Committee, which reports to the Board of the Playhouse Partners.

Additional Information

Scholarship recipient will first be notified in-person at a department event (such as a rehearsal, work call, performance), by the Troupe Director or a Scholarship Committee member, with an accompanying congratulatory letter. Additionally, the awards will be presented at the awards ceremony at First Colonial High School. The scholarship funds will be paid directly to the university or trade school. It is **the responsibility of the recipient** to notify the Troupe Director of Thespian Troupe 3178 of **the name and address where payment should be made**.

Check List

In order for applicant to be considered for the scholarship, all of the following must be turned in:

1. ___ Application Cover Page
2. ___ Theatrical Resume
3. ___ Essay
4. ___ Interview Appointment (to be coordinated by Scholarship Committee)