Vermillion Players Theatre Scholarship Program

The primary goal of the Vermillion Players Theatre Scholarship Program is to encourage participation in theatre arts and to show appreciation for those who choose to participate in theatre arts activities. Scholarships will be awarded to area college bound high school seniors who have demonstrated activity in and appreciation for the theatre arts, with a special emphasis on their affiliation with Vermillion Players. In a time when the arts are vastly overlooked, it is the hope of Vermillion Players to have students actively pursue their dream of drama or music theater.

Selection Criteria:

- Applicants must be a high school senior in pursuit of a post-secondary education.
- Applicants must have been involved in a minimum of one Vermillion Players productions in the last four years in any capacity (actor, backstage crew, lighting, etc.).
- Applicants must be active in theatre arts including theatre, speech, communications, film, etc. during his/her high school career as cast member and/or part of a technical crew.
- Although not a requirement, special consideration will be given to those whose course of study includes the theatre arts.

On a separate typed sheet of paper, please provide the following information:

a. Personal Information, including name, email address, school currently attending, and the college applicant plans on attending (including course of study)
b. Current GPA
c. List all Vermillion Players theatre involvement and all other involvement in theatre arts through your high school career.
d. List other activities, honors, awards, and leadership positions held during high school.

Please include the following essay, double-spaced within 500 words or less: **"In what way has your involvement in theatre arts prepared you for your future?"**

Please return this application to Vermillion Players, P.O. Box 144, Pontiac, IL 61764 by April 3, 2026. Applicants may also email their applications to vermillionplayersinc@gmail.com.

Scholarship recipients will be named by May 1, 2026. The winners will be recognized at their high school's award night if possible.