

How to Nail Your Self-Tape Audition for the Change of Scene Bursary

You've got your eyes on getting a heavy discount on one of our drama courses, and now it's time to put your best foot forward!

Everyone loves a bargain, **but** this is for students who genuinely couldn't afford the course without the bursary.

We will ask for proof of your parents earnings for the last financial year so if its above the threshold (see main page on the website) for this year then we won't grant a bursary.

Practically speaking, if you go on more than 1 foreign holiday per year and fly with an airline better than EasyJet or Ryanair, chances are your parents earn above the threshold.

All of that is said so you don't waste time in applying just to be rejected for the bursary, Go and register for the location of your choice via the website!

But for those with empty pockets, here's how you audition.

Let's break this down step by step and have some fun with it. Ready? Let's go!

Step 1: Get in the Right Headspace

Before you start taping, take a deep breath and remember: you're a beginner and you're not going to be perfect in an audition tape, that;s why you're applying for training. Having said that though - **YOU ARE THE MAN / WOMAN**. Go into your audition with full confidence in yourself. No matter if it's your first time or your hundredth time, this is just a chance for them to see the real *you*. It's not about perfection—it's about showing your passion and skill.

And its a self tape, so if you don't like your first take - **DO IT AGAIN!**

Step 2: Choose Your Monologue (and Don't Panic)

First things first, you need a **monologue**.

A good monologue should reflect both your personality and the style of the drama course you're auditioning for. Don't choose something too long—aim for around 1-2 minutes max.

Choosing a monologue which is a little less well known and unique will help you stand out. (Imagine an audition panel hearing the same monologue from 10 different students, not easy to remember each one!)

If you're stuck on where to find one, here are some awesome places to look:

- [Drama Online](#): A treasure trove of scripts from classic and contemporary plays. It's like the Netflix of monologues.
- [The Monologue Archive](#): This site offers a wide variety of monologues for all ages, from Shakespeare to modern-day gems.
- **Your Favourite TV Show or Movie**: A scene you *really* connect with. You know that moment where you're like, "I could totally nail this!"? Yes, that's your monologue.
- [Actor's Studio](#): They offer some pretty cool pieces from both classic and modern plays for teen actors. A great resource if you're looking for something that's age-appropriate but also has a bit of grit.

Step 3: Set the Scene

You don't need a fancy Hollywood set to make your tape pop—just keep it simple. Here's what you need:

- **Good lighting**: Find a space that's well-lit. Natural light is your best friend. If you're indoors, position yourself facing a window or use lamps to light your face. But avoid harsh shadows; you're not auditioning for a vampire role (unless you are, in which case, go for it!).
- **Neutral background**: No clutter. A plain wall or a tidy room will work just fine. This way, all attention is on *you*, where it belongs.
- **Decent camera setup**: Your phone camera should do the trick! Just make sure it's steady (no shaky cam, please). You can prop it up against something solid or invest in a tripod if you're feeling fancy.

Step 4: Record Your Monologue

- **Look at the camera**: Eye contact is key. You want to connect with the person on the other side of the screen. Pretend they're sitting in front of you and you're having a conversation.
- **Stand tall**: Good posture is not just for the classroom, it's for acting too. Stand or sit up straight, but don't be stiff. Think of yourself as a tree—rooted, but flexible.
- **Express yourself**: This is your moment to show off your acting chops! Use your body, your face, and your voice. Play with emotion. If you're auditioning for a drama course, they want to see range, so don't be afraid to bring the intensity.
- **Take a deep breath before you start**: This will calm your nerves and help you get into character. Also, don't forget to **smile**—they want to see your energy and enthusiasm.

Step 5: Edit Your Video (But Don't Go Overboard)

Once you've done your first take, watch it. You might love it, or you might be like, "Oh no, what was I doing with my eyebrows?" Either way, **don't overthink it**. Edit for clarity—trim out any awkward pauses, re-record any lines you fumbled, and make sure the audio and visuals are clear.

Don't stress about making the perfect tape. A small mistake can show your personality! It's not about being flawless—it's **about being real**.

Step 6: Send It Off (Yay, You're Done!)

Make sure to upload your audition to YouTube as an Unlisted Video (this means only people with the URL Link can view it)

Copy the URL link and include it in the application form (on the bursary page of our website)

Click send and you'll get an email confirmation.

Give us 1-3 weeks to review your application and we will get in touch with you if we want to give you an online interview for 15 minutes.

After the Interview, your application will be approved or disapproved within 14 days.

Bonus Tips

- **Practice, practice, practice:** Don't just wing it. Even though it's a self-tape, make sure you rehearse enough to feel natural.
- **Use your surroundings:** If you're auditioning for a particular character (say, a detective), feel free to wear a jacket or stand in a "mysterious" corner. It's all about the vibe!
- **Stay hydrated:** You're going to use your voice a lot, so keep a water bottle nearby.
- **Be yourself:** This is about *you*—your energy, your quirks, your style. Don't try to be something you're not. They want to see your authentic self.

Some Final Words of Encouragement

Listen, self-tape auditions can feel a bit strange at first, but remember: they're just a way for you to share your unique talent. There's no one-size-fits-all way to succeed—so find what works best for you and have fun with it!

Break a leg! 🎉🎊🌟

