



2017 Summer Seminar for High School Juniors Flexible Tuition Information

The Summer Seminar flexible tuition program offers tuition assistance to students who would otherwise be unable to attend the Seminar. Families needing tuition assistance can apply by completing the online Tuition Assistance application. Flexible tuition is based on information provided on your application and fund availability. Regardless of the financial aid you may receive, you will be responsible for your transportation costs and the \$250 deposit.

Below are a few ideas to point you in the direction of additional resources or contributions.

- Approach the people who kindly and eloquently recommended you for the Seminar. They believe in you and are probably willing to help you further. Keep in mind, however, any contributions you receive are not tax deductible since they will pay for your tuition fees and are not donations to the Oregon Shakespeare Festival.
- Your drama club might be willing to sponsor an event of some sort to benefit you. Remember you will share what you learn at the Seminar with your drama classes next year. Thus any investment in you is also an investment in your school's theatre program.
- If your community or county has a local arts council, talk to a representative of the group right away. Remember that your participation in the Seminar will benefit your community.
- Civic organizations and clubs such as Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions, even the Girl or Boy Scouts might be able to assist you. Volunteer your services as a speaker or worker in exchange for scholarship help.
- Put together a show and let the net profits benefit your trip to Ashland. Make Shakespeare the theme!
- Consider applying for a part-time job (if you don't have one already), or offer lawn mowing, baby-sitting or house-cleaning services to neighbors for a fee.
- Use an online crowd-funding platform such as GoFundMe to create an online fundraising campaign. These services usually deduct a small fee from your donations, so read the terms of service carefully to determine if it's a worthwhile endeavor.
- Most of all, be creative, be positive, think of this as a challenge and do not get discouraged. If you affirm for yourself that you can find whatever resources you need, you will find them.

Good luck! Please complete your online Tuition Assistance application by May 19. If you have further questions or concerns, please call Outreach Programs Coordinator, Monisa Victrum at 541-482-2111 ext. 414.