



North Shore Players Memorial Scholarship for the Performing Arts ~ 2026

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January 7, 2026

To: Fine Arts/Guidance Departments and Students

The North Shore Players, a Danvers based community theatre company, announces its annual memorial scholarship award. The scholarship was originally established to honor the memory of Viola J. Patten, a multi-talented member of the North Shore Players. It was changed in 1994 to include the departed and beloved founding members Barbara Hannon and Polly Jenkins. This scholarship will be granted to a graduating senior who plans to major in the performing arts (theater, music, art, or dance) and is currently attending the following high schools:

Andover, Beverly, Danvers, Everett, Georgetown, Hamilton-Wenham Regional, Lynn Classical, Lynn English, Lynnfield, Malden, Marblehead, Masconomet, Medford, Melrose, North Andover, Peabody, Revere, Salem, and Swampscott High School.

If the applicant has been a member of the North Shore Players, or a parent of the applicant has been a member of the North Shore Players for at least the past 2 years, then the applicant may be a senior at any accredited high school.

The North Shore Players Memorial Scholarship Committee reserves the right to hold the scholarship over until the following year if there is no appropriate candidate.

The same Scholarship application can be downloaded from the NSP website: www.northshoreplayersma.org. (Note: You may be currently viewing it on this site).

The application must be submitted by **April 15, 2026**

The scholarship is \$1,000 (or more).

All applicants must meet the criteria outlined in the scholarship application.

Applications must be accompanied by the listed documents:

1. A letter of reference from school teacher, administrator, adviser, etc.
2. A letter of recommendation from someone outside of the school.
3. A copy of the high school transcript.
4. A 250-word essay on the choice of major, including the reason.

How to submit completed application:

Option 1: Download this application, print it out, and fill it in by hand. Then mail it along with copies of the other above requested documents to:

The **North Shore Players Memorial Scholarship Committee** c/o Hal Morse, 14A Berry St.
Danvers, MA 01923

Option 2:

Download this Application. Fill it out by hand, scan it, and then email it along with the other requested documents (as e-files) to NSP's email address: northshoreplayersma@gmail.com



North Shore Players Memorial Scholarship for the Performing Arts
2026 Application Form

Section I. Personal and Family Data: Please print or type

Applicant's Name: _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Address: _____
(Street) (City/Town) (Zip)

Date of Birth: _____ Email Address: _____
(Mo. Day Year)

Telephone Number: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Father's Name: _____ Mother's Name: _____

Section II. Education Data

High School Attending: _____

Expected Date of Graduation: _____

Please list volunteer or other activities - leadership positions, clubs, organizations, sports, or other extra-curricular activities that you have participated in during your high school career:

Please indicate any relevant Theater, Dance, or Arts courses you have taken while in school:

Section III. TWO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION MUST ACCOMPANY THIS APPLICATION

One school reference (teacher, guidance officer, principal, etc.):

(Name)	(Address)
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One non-school reference (neighbor, employer, clergy, etc.):

College Preference (schools to which you have applied in order of your preference):

Name & Location of College What is your Major? Accepted?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Section IV: Essay

Please write a brief, 250-word essay on a separate sheet of paper. Describe the Performing Art in which you plan to major. Why did you choose this particular performing art?

This application and all supporting information must be filed with North Shore Players Memorial Scholarship Committee no later than April 15, 2026.

In submitting this application for a scholarship award, I certify that the above information is accurate and truthful. False information will immediately disqualify me from further consideration.

Signature: _____

Date: _____