2018-2019 Music and Theatre Scholarship Audition Information

A college education is one of the most rewarding investments most of us ever make. Scholarship programs enable Iowa Central students to invest in their future. Numerous scholarships are available for students who exemplify outstanding scholarship and/or exhibit talent and creativity.

Iowa Central is committed to recognizing and rewarding outstanding students. To be awarded a scholarship, students must have a minimum 2.5 GPA, a letter of recommendation and attend a scholarship interview. Once awarded, students must maintain a 2.5 GPA, participate actively in productions, enroll in the required courses stipulated in the scholarship award, and complete required grade check forms.

Audition Dates:

Friday May 4th, 2018

Auditions for instrumental, vocal or theatre can also be requested on most Senior Visit Days. Please request audition no later than one week prior to visit to allow for scheduling and availability.

NO walk-ins will be accepted for auditions.

Please request an audition date through the Iowa Central Fine Arts Website:

http://www.iowacentral.edu/performing_arts/scholarship_audition.asp

Theatre

Scholarships are available to students interested in theatre performance and technical theatre.

For the audition, students will be asked to do a “cold reading” of selected theatrical piece. The basis of the story will be explained to you prior to your reading by the director. You are welcome to bring a performance piece of your own.

Students interested in a technical theatre scholarship will meet to discuss their background experience.

Vocal Music

Iowa Central music scholarships are available to qualified students, regardless of major.

Students auditioning for a scholarship for vocal music should bring two solo pieces of music that best showcase their talent. Two musical selections of a different nature (ex. Aria and Broadway Show Tune) are recommended but not required. The student may also be asked to perform tonal memory at the audition. Piano accompaniment is provided for you if needed.
Instrumental Music

Iowa Central music scholarships are available to qualified students participating in an instrumental ensemble, regardless of major.

Audition Requirements:

Letter of recommendation from a music teacher or mentor

Brass or Woodwind:

- Two contrasting selections, one showing lyrical abilities, the other showing technical abilities. (These selections may come from the same composition.)
- A chromatic scale covering the full range of the instrument and ALL major scales (music majors only).

For those wishing additional consideration for jazz (including piano, bass or guitar):

- Prepared excerpt from a jazz band selection, preferably in a swing or latin style (i.e. - Real Book, Play Along, Etude, or band music).
- Improvisation over Bb blues or other tune of your choosing. (optional)
- Demonstration of improvised bass line on Bb or F blues. (bass)
- Demonstration of improvised comping on Bb or F blues. (guitar, piano)

Percussion:

- An excerpt (approx.. 45-60 seconds) of a solo/etude on as many of the following instruments as possible: snare drum, tympani, keyboard percussion (preferably marimba), multiple percussion. (Music majors must demonstrate 2 snare drum excerpts, one of rudimental style, and one of orchestral style.)
- Demonstrate the following snare drum rudiments at controlled, maximum tempo: multiple bounce (orchestral) roll, double stroke (rudimental) roll, paradiddles, flams (alternating), drags (alternating)

For those wishing additional consideration for jazz:

- Short examples (approx. 30 seconds) of time keeping and light fills in the following styles and tempos: medium swing (quarter note=132, sticks and brushes), up-tempo swing (184), jazz waltz (160), bossa nova (120), and funk (96).
- Prepared excerpt from a jazz band selection, preferably in a swing or latin style, demonstrating time, fills, and chart interpretation (i.e. – Play Along, ensemble piece)

Those wishing additional consideration for jazz, please let us know in advance.

Karl King Memorial Education Foundation

The Karl King Memorial Educational Foundation exists to provide instrumental scholarships for student performers. Two $500 scholarships are awarded each year to student performers at Iowa Central. Paul Bloomquist serves as the scholarship chair for the Karl King Memorial Educational Foundation. Please contact Paul Bloomquist directly for application materials. Applications are due in March, with auditions held and winners determined at the April concert of the Karl L. King Municipal Band.