



**\$1,000**

**Amanda Polopolus Memorial  
Theatre Arts & Design  
Scholarship**

1 senior

Exceptional in theatre arts & design

**APPLY BY APRIL 12, 2019**



**Amanda Kristina Polopolus was a founding member of the VPA's "Glam Squad", even lending the group its name. She began volunteering with the VPA in 2013 when she used her amazing talent and artistry to turn aspiring actors into villagers and Belle into Beauty during the VPA's fall production of Disney's Beauty and the Beast Jr. A licensed Cosmetologist employed at Savvy Hair Salon in Old Town Sherwood, Amanda's love of theater and passion for all things Disney was infectious. She helped transform hundreds of children into their characters and every child who sat in her "chair" for their "Glam" appointment was surrounded by encouragement, joy and a little pixy dust. Because of Walt Disney's attention to detail, Amanda admired him so, and yet this was her special gift, too. She intertwined her life with Walt's, moonlighting at the Disney Store just so she could get away with saying, "Have a magical day!" She truly wanted that for others.**

**In March 2016, on her way to Disneyland, she was in a fatal car accident that took her suddenly. It was devastating to everyone who'd been touched by her life. The VPA is grateful for the opportunity to celebrate our beautiful Amanda and her work by honoring her memory with a scholarship. We hope that the students who apply will learn more of all Amanda did for not only the VPA but also for Sherwood High School and the entire Sherwood community. Although Amanda's work for the VPA was professional and she often spent more hours during a show volunteering than she did "working" at her day job; every minute spent was a gift born out of a desire to share her talents, her love of live theater and the joy she found in making dreams come true. Amanda's contributions were priceless. The quality and level of excellence she brought to the VPA's productions will always be remembered as truly remarkable. We will never forget Amanda and we hope the students who apply for her scholarship will learn from the legacy she left and share their talents and gifts as freely in their future endeavors as she did for us.**

# Voices for the Performing Arts Foundation Amanda Polopolus Theatre Arts & Design Scholarship 2019

- Scholarships are awarded to graduating seniors who have demonstrated outstanding passion, involvement, and skill in the theatre arts throughout their high school years.
  - Students involved in acting, directing, technical crew, playwrighting, set design, costuming, and/or cosmetology are encouraged to apply. Although we hope you will continue to be involved in the theatre arts in the future, declaring a related Arts Major in college is **not** required.
  - Submit the signed and dated application form.
  - Please attach an **original essay** (500 words or less, type-written, single-spaced) answering the following questions:
    - How has your volunteerism in the arts influenced others?
    - How have the arts enriched your life?
    - How will your experiences with the arts impact your future?
    - What is a characteristic of a Disney character that you admire, and why?
  - Obtain **2 recommendations** from instructors or mentors and include them (in sealed envelopes).
  - Students may apply for any combination of VPA scholarships (Vocal Performance, Kris Kearsley Visual Arts, or Amanda Polopolus Theatre Arts and Design). The essay and recommendations can be submitted for multiple applications, however, please submit a copy for each scholarship. Applicants will only be eligible to receive a single award.
  - All materials must be mailed to the Voices for the Performing Arts Foundation, Attn: Scholarship, PO Box 594, Sherwood OR 97140. **Postmarked by Friday, April 12, 2019.**
  - Scholarship recipients will be selected and applicants notified by May 13, 2019.
- Note:** Award certificates will be presented to scholarship winners at the SHS Honors Banquet June 3<sup>rd</sup> and at the VPA Spring Concert on May 16<sup>th</sup>. Please mark the dates on your schedule. Scholarship recipients' attendance is requested.
- Questions? Contact Kelsi Wright, VPA School Grants/Scholarship Director at [kelsi.wright@vpafoundation.org](mailto:kelsi.wright@vpafoundation.org)



# Voices for the Performing Arts Foundation Amanda Polopolous Theatre Arts & Design Scholarship Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ OREGON Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Colleges you have been accepted to \_\_\_\_\_

College (or continuing education) you plan to attend \_\_\_\_\_

**Please list below the theatre art experiences you have had by year.**

*Please include the following: Actor/Director/Technician (role and production company),  
Set Design/Costumes/Cosmetology (sketches and/or photos), Playwrights (script sample)*

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If I am awarded a VPA scholarship, I do hereby grant permission to Voices for the Performing Arts Foundation to use my name, my list of theatre arts accomplishments, the school I plan to attend, as well as my picture to post on their official website. Quotes from my scholarship application may also be used. I understand that no other personal information (such as phone number, address, etc.) will be used. I understand I am only eligible to receive one scholarship from VPA.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

# Voices for the Performing Arts Scholarship 2019 Instructor/Mentor Recommendation

Please fill out the following form, seal in an envelope, and return to the student.  
**This application must be postmarked by April 12, 2019.**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Instructor/Mentor

Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

What is your role in connection with this student? \_\_\_\_\_

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How long have you known this student? \_\_\_\_\_

What are the strengths of this student in class, in performance, as a leader volunteer or as a person?

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How has this student been exemplary?

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_