

## **Oregon Shakespeare Scholarship**

NSU's 2020 Oregon Shakespeare Trip

*If you are an Oklahoma public high school English teacher, please apply for the Evelyn Woods Thomson Scholarship rather than the Oregon Shakespeare Scholarship.*

### **Purpose**

The Oregon Shakespeare Scholarship's purpose is to provide financial support for NSU undergraduate or graduate students who would not otherwise be able to participate in the course.

### **Number and Amount of Scholarships**

For the 2020 Oregon Shakespeare trip, three (3) scholarships of \$1125 will be awarded. The recipients of the scholarship will have this amount credited to their NSU account.

### **Requirements**

To apply for the scholarship you must

- Be enrolled in NSU in Spring 2020
- Be an undergraduate student majoring or minoring in English, English Education, Theatre, or Humanities at NSU, or be a graduate student in NSU's English MA program
- Not have previously participated in the "Study Away: Shakespeare" course
- Have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 (undergraduates) or 3.5 (graduates)
- Be unable to participate without financial help

*If you and/or your family are able to pay for the trip, please let those with greater financial need compete for this scholarship.*

If you are the recipient of the scholarship, you must

- Use the air and ground transportation provided for the group
- During Second Half Summer Term 2020, enroll in "Study Away: Shakespeare" course for undergraduate credit in English, Humanities, or Theatre, or graduate credit in English
- Pay the tuition and fees for the course
- Pay the additional costs of the trip not covered by this scholarship

### **Application Materials to Submit**

- Oregon Shakespeare Scholarship application (last page of this document)
- An unofficial copy of your NSU transcript
- Your application essay (see below)
- One recommendation letter (see below)

### **Application Essay**

**Length:** Although your application essay may be of any length, the recommended length is two (2) typed, double-spaced pages.

**Point of view:** Write the essay in the first person, referring to yourself as "I."

**Required content:** Your essay must address the following two topics:

- Why you want to participate in the “Study Away: Shakespeare” course. To develop this topic, you could include factors such as
  - your current knowledge of and/or interest in dramatic literature, Shakespeare, and/or live theatre
  - the strengths you would bring to our class discussions before and after we see each play
  - how you would benefit from this course
- Why you need the financial assistance this scholarship provides

### **Letters of Recommendation**

**Recommendation:** Ask one person to write a brief letter of recommendation for you. Appropriate recommenders would be college or high school teachers, educational administrators, work supervisors, or other superiors who know you well. Because Dr. Bledsoe will be involved in selecting the recipient of the scholarship, she cannot write letters of recommendation, but she will take into account what she knows about you. The recommendation does not need to be extensive—one to two paragraphs—is enough.

**Purpose and content:** The recommender’s purpose is to demonstrate how you could benefit from, what you could add to, and/or why you need financial assistance for the Oregon Shakespeare experience. In addition to the items mentioned above concerning the content of the application essay, the recommender might comment on

- your participation in class discussions in other classes
- your accomplishments as a student or actor
- other reasons why you would be a worthy recipient of this scholarship

**Submission of recommendations:** *Ask your recommender to email the letter directly to Dr. Bledsoe at [bledsoej@nsuok.edu](mailto:bledsoej@nsuok.edu); alternative submission methods below are also acceptable.*

### **Submission of Application Materials**

Dr. Jenny Bledsoe must receive all application materials no later than **February 28, 2020**. You may send them by any of the following means:

- Hard copy delivered to Dr. Bledsoe’s office: BALA 280, NSU-BA
- E-mail attachment: [bledsoej@nsuok.edu](mailto:bledsoej@nsuok.edu)
- U.S. mail: NSU-Broken Arrow, 3100 E. New Orleans St., Broken Arrow, OK 74014

### **For More Information**

- If you have questions about this scholarship or application, please get in touch with Dr. Bledsoe at 918-449-6541 or [bledsoej@nsuok.edu](mailto:bledsoej@nsuok.edu).
- Website where all trip documents are posted: <http://jennycbledsoe.com/osf/>

Northeastern State University  
**Application for Oregon Shakespeare Scholarship**  
Oregon Shakespeare Trip  
August 3–9, 2020

Full name: \_\_\_\_\_

NSU student identification number: N \_\_\_\_\_

Complete mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternative e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternative telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

*If you are currently an NSU **undergraduate** student:*

Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

Adviser: \_\_\_\_\_ Total number of hours completed: \_\_\_\_\_

*If you are currently enrolled in NSU's **M.A. in English** program:*

College from which you received your undergraduate degree: \_\_\_\_\_

Undergraduate major: \_\_\_\_\_ Undergraduate minor: \_\_\_\_\_

Date you received your undergraduate degree: \_\_\_\_\_

Concentration in NSU's M.A. in English program: \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of graduate hours completed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Checklist of Application Materials**

\_\_\_\_\_ Unofficial copy of NSU transcript (attached)

\_\_\_\_\_ Application essay (attached)

Names of recommender who is sending a letter directly to Dr. Bledsoe:

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