



## 2011 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

### **Background**

Michelle Catania was a wife, vibrant mother of two and a successful businesswoman with a longtime love of Community Theater and service. Despite being a petite 5'3" (and a half!) she was truly larger than life with an even bigger heart. After almost a decade of fighting, Michelle lost her battle with breast cancer in 2010 at the age of 42, leaving behind many loving family members and friends who want nothing more than to preserve her memory in her true spirit. The *Michelle Catania Children's Theater Program*, in partnership with the Center Players, her local community theater in Freehold, NJ, provides children's theater programming in addition to awarding one \$500 scholarship each year in both of the states she called home, Florida and New Jersey.

### **Scholarship Eligibility**

Applicants failing to meet these requirements will not be considered for the scholarship. In the event no applicant meets these standards, the scholarship will not be awarded.

1. The applicant must be attending or enrolled to attend a public state college or university in either Florida or New Jersey as an undergraduate student in the Fall 2011 semester.
2. The applicant must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
3. The applicant must demonstrate commitment to excellence in performing arts and/or other extracurricular activities.
4. A member of the applicant's immediate family (Defined as: mother, father, brother, sister, grandparent, aunt or uncle) must have had a serious bout with cancer.

### **Application Instructions**

The application packet should be in a sealed manila envelope, and contain the following items, in this order:

1. The 2011 Michelle Catania Children's Theater Program Scholarship Application Form
2. A copy of the applicant's college or high school transcript which includes the applicant's name, classes, overall GPA and school; AND if not already attending college, proof of enrollment to a public state college or university in Florida or New Jersey for Fall 2011
3. Essay: Write a 250-word essay about how cancer has affected your life, both negatively and positively. Essay must be written on a computer, double-spaced and in a standard, 12-point font.
5. A letter from the student's parent or guardian certifying that the student's immediate family member (as defined above) is a cancer survivor or passed away from cancer, including a contact phone number.
6. A letter of recommendation from a person who oversees the student's extracurricular involvement in performing arts and/or other activities. Recommended individuals include the student's theater/music director, club/organization advisor, coach, etc. Up to three letters may be submitted.



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All applications must be mailed by June 30, 2011 to:  
The Michelle Catania Children's Theater Program  
c/o Maggie Gunther  
905 NE 29<sup>th</sup> Dr.  
Wilton Manors, FL 33334

Any application postmarked later than June 30, 2011 will not be accepted.

If the applicant has questions not covered in this document, please email [info@centerplayers.com](mailto:info@centerplayers.com) or contact the Michelle Catania Children's Theater Program at Center Playhouse, 35 South Street, Freehold, NJ 07728, (732) 462-9093. Learn more about the program at our website: <http://michellecatania.wordpress.com/>.

Application packets missing any of the required items or not meeting the minimum criteria will be disqualified. Be sure to include a summer phone number and e-mail address so we can contact you for a follow-up interview and/or any related questions if necessary.

### **Distribution of Funds**

The scholarship will be paid to the college or university prior to the Fall 2011 semester provided proof of enrollment.

Scholarship honorees will be announced no later than August 1, 2011.

### **Privacy Policy**

Information we acquire from scholarship applications is treated as confidential and will not be used for purposes other than the scholarship application. We will not sell your information (name, address, email address, telephone number) to a third party, except as required by law, nor add your information to our marketing database. Visitors to our Michelle Catania Children's Theater Program website will not be automatically enrolled to receive extraneous emails and/or solicitations of any sort unless they request to receive further communication.



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**APPLICATION FORM**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL ID NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL FINANCIAL AID OFFICE ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

YEAR OF STUDY:      Freshman      Sophomore      Junior      Senior

I affirm that all the information that I have supplied in this application is true and accurate. I understand that failure to be enrolled as a full time student for the 2011 - 2012 school year (Fall semester).

Applicant's Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: I affirm to the best of my ability that the information provided by this applicant is true and accurate.

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_