

SCHOLARSHIPS

We are seeking to grow our Scholarship fund to \$25 million for students to pursue their educational journey and artistic dreams at the USC School of Dramatic Arts, with a particular focus on creating new endowed scholarships for students of color.



Throughout SDA's history, scholarship has always been a priority. This year is no exception.

Financial support for our students has never been more crucial than during these unprecedented times. With families and students experiencing sudden loss of employment or income, we have a community of students who need extra help for basic items like food and shelter, and funds to help pay tuition. With scholarship support, we maintain our commitment to attracting the country's best talent and to ensure that financial barriers don't keep us from continuing to secure top tier talent to the USC School of Dramatic Arts.

Currently, the USC School of Dramatic Arts offers approximately two dozen partial undergraduate scholarships to incoming students each year but the need is always greater than funds currently available to families. With competitor programs offering large scholarships to their graduate-level students, a larger scholarship fund will allow our admissions team to compete stride-for-stride in attracting the best students to SDA. It will also make a meaningful difference in SDA's priority of diversifying its undergraduate student population now and into the future. In particular, with a portion of our scholarship endowment directly geared towards students of color, our SDA admissions team will be able to proactively recruit these students, creating an enriched and diverse student population.

Accordingly, the USC School of Dramatic Arts' principal funding priority is to expand its scholarship endowment to \$25 million. This commitment will solidify the School's position as the premier program in the nation.

By endowing a scholarship, you can truly make the difference in a student's decision to attend the USC School of Dramatic Arts. Your scholarship gift enhances the access, academic quality, outcomes, and diversity of ethnic, cultural, and social backgrounds among students. Through a meaningful financial investment in our greatest asset — the students, you will help make it possible for our School to advance the ideas and disciplines that enrich our world and inspire the next generation of artists and creators.

“Struggling to pay for college independently, the \$2,500 annual scholarship the USC School of Dramatic Arts graciously offered me has helped cover fees and payments like the required basic meal plan that was not covered by my financial aid. Without this award, I would not have been able to attend the University of Southern California and its dramatic arts school, which was by far my first choice.”

—Lea Branyan, *Former Student*



Select giving opportunities include:

ANNUAL

<i>Provides an “incentive” scholarship for one student</i>	\$5,000
<i>Provides a partial undergraduate or graduate fellowship</i>	\$20,000
<i>Provides a partial undergraduate or graduate fellowship for multiple students</i>	\$50,000

ENDOWMENT*

<i>Provides a partial undergraduate named scholarship or graduate fellowship</i>	\$100,000
<i>Provides a full undergraduate named scholarship or a full graduate student fellowship</i>	\$1.5 Million
<i>Fully funds the MFA graduate fellowship needs now and into the future</i>	\$15 Million

*Pledges payable over five years.