



Stephen Graham Bird Award

Acting, Directing, Playwriting

The Stephen Graham Bird Award is designed to recognize and encourage New Brunswick students who have demonstrated exceptional talent and potential, and who are pursuing a career in the theatre. The Stephen Graham Bird Award is for full-time study.

Objectives

- To assist New Brunswick students who intend to pursue, or are presently pursuing, a career in theatre as a professional.
- To increase the number of professional theatre artists in New Brunswick.
- To encourage the development of New Brunswick talent in theatre arts.

Eligibility

To be eligible for consideration an applicant must intend to pursue, or be currently pursuing, full-time studies at a recognized institution, at an undergraduate level or professional training program, for the purpose of pursuing a career as a professional theatre artist.

This career may be in acting, in directing, or in playwriting.

Only New Brunswick residents are eligible to receive funding. A resident is defined as a Canadian citizen or permanent resident who has resided in New Brunswick for at least one year immediately preceding the application deadline.

Level of Funding

One award in the amount of \$3,000 will be awarded per year. An individual may receive up to a maximum of 4 awards, which must be applied for annually.

How to Apply

Application Deadline: May 30, 2025

It is the responsibility of each applicant to ensure that all materials required to complete their file are postmarked or received by the Theatre New Brunswick Foundation the deadline of the competition. These materials cannot be returned to the applicant.

A complete application must include the following:

- An application form, duly completed, and
- Support material:
 1. Official transcript of marks/credits (full time studies) from high school or university – the most recent available at time of application.
 2. Copy of the program and tuition fees as provided by the institution the applicant is planning on attending.
 3. Résumé/CV, including educational background, work experience or performances, and any achievements or awards pertaining to the application.
 4. Two letters of recommendation.
 5. A performance applicant must include a video link of a performance or monologue (USB if mailing application).
 6. Letter to the jury outlining the professional career plans of the applicant.

Applicants are encouraged to contact the Theatre New Brunswick Foundation office with any questions about the regulations.

Evaluation Process

Applications received are first reviewed by the Theatre New Brunswick Foundation to confirm eligibility.

- Only applications that are completed in the prescribed time frame and meet the criteria are submitted to the jury.
- Eligible applications are evaluated by a jury composed of one board member of the Theatre New Brunswick Foundation, one member of the Board of Theatre New Brunswick, and one theatre professional.

Notification or Results

Applicants will be notified of the results by mail, approximately 6 weeks after the competition deadline. Results will not be released over the telephone.

Further Information

For application forms and further information, please contact: tnbfoundation@tnb.nb.ca

Theatre New Brunswick Foundation
55 Whiting Road, Unit 31
Fredericton, NB E3B 5Y5

Stephen Graham Bird Award Application Form 2025

Personal Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Website / Social Media (if applicable): _____

Citizenship Status:

Canadian Citizen Permanent Resident of Canada Since: _____

Permanent Resident of NB Since: _____ Resided in NB Since: _____

Program of Study

Name of Educational Institution: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Bachelor Degree Program

Major: _____

Minor: _____

Diploma: _____

Other (specify): _____

Grade or Year of Study You Will Be Entering This Fall: _____

Description of Program of Study:

Budget

Tuition Expenses	\$
Accommodation and Living Expenses	\$
Travelling Expenses	\$
Other Expenses	\$
Total	\$

Letters of Recommendation

Please include with your application two letters of recommendation that provide an informed assessment of your achievements and potential.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Profession: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Profession: _____

Required Materials Checklist

Please ensure all the following information is included:

- Application Form
- Resume or CV (max 2 pages) including:
 - The applicant's educational background
 - Professional and/or non-professional performance experience and other work experience
- Letter to the jury outlining the professional career plans of the applicant
- Official transcript of most recent marks/credits from high school or university
- Copy of the program and tuition fees as provided by the institution the applicant is planning on attending
- Two letters of recommendation
- USB of a performance of monologue (performance applicants only) OR email link to video
- Other relevant documentation to support the application (e.g. recent reviews of work, copies of awards or adjudicators' reports, etc.)

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Contact Information

Please return this completed Stephen Graham Bird Award Application Form along with all required materials to:

Email: tnbfoundation@tnb.nb.ca

Emailed applications can be sent through a google folder or dropbox link.

Mail: Theatre New Brunswick Foundation
55 Whiting Road, Unit 31
Fredericton, NB
E3B 5Y5

Applicant's Agreement

- I hereby certify that the information provided with this application is accurate, and I accept the conditions as described in the Stephen Graham Bird Award description.
- It is my responsibility to ensure that all documents needed to complete my application will be received by the Theatre New Brunswick Foundation or postmarked no later than the deadline.
- I understand that any materials sent with this application will not be returned.

Signature of Applicant

Date