DEER VALLEY EDUCATION FOUNDATION
The Gary McSpadden Technical Theater Scholarship
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Deer Valley Education Foundation created the **Gary McSpadden Technical Theater Scholarship** to honor our dear friend and colleague Gary McSpadden, a long-time DVUSD employee and lover of theatre.

Gary was the face behind the camera at almost all DVUSD events! He loved all the arts but especially had a passion for technical theater (lighting, sound, stage craft, etc.). He began working back stage when he was in High School. Over the years, he ran sound and/or lights at several community theaters. He worked as a Tech Director for several theaters as well, including Barry Goldwater High School. He was the Lighting Director at his church for almost 8 years. He also ran the sound system for Sandra Day O'Connor's Eagle Pride Marching Band.

Sadly, Gary passed away in July, 2020. His wife Jenny thought that since Gary loved working in theater so much, and has helped so many students earn scholarships to pursue their own love of theater, the perfect scholarship to have in his name would be one awarded to a performing arts / theater student.

This $2,000 one-time scholarship is offered exclusively to DVUSD high school seniors who will be attending a four year college/university and pursuing a degree in performing arts / theater.

Amount of scholarship: $2,000

Applications must be received at DVEF office (located in the District office) no later than 4PM, on deadline date. Students: See school counselor for Deadline Dates.

Applications will be considered based on the following criteria:

- Student must be a DVUSD high school senior and enrolled in an accredited 4-year college/university in the fall pursuing a degree in Technical Theater (?)
- Demonstrated academic excellence (?)
- Extra-curricular high school and community activities showing an interest in technical theater (?)
- Personal essay
- Two letters of recommendation
- **ANYTHING ELSE (?)**

Students: Applications must be returned to your school counselor *PRIOR* to the deadline date. Counselor needs to review, sign, and submit application to the DVEF office.

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Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Birthdate (mm/dd/yyyy) _____

Student ID#: _____ Cell Phone: _____ e-mail address: _____

Name of High School: _____ GPA (?): _____

Expected date of graduation (mm/yyyy): _____

College you will be attending: _____ Selected Major: _____

What is your career interest? (?)_____

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1. **Activities** (*attach additional sheet if necessary*)
Please list all community and activities which you have participated while in high school. Include fine arts, sports, student government, volunteer projects, paid employment, etc. within the last four years.

Activity	**How Long?**	**Special Honors**
_____	_____ to _____	_____
_____	_____ to _____	_____
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_____	_____ to _____	_____

Any additional information re: community and high school activities that may be beneficial for us to know (please be brief):

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2. Applicant Appraisal Forms: Please include 2 Academic Applicant Appraisal Forms from 2 different people affirming your qualifications. At least (1) of the appraisal forms MUST be from one of your current high school teachers.

3. Additional Information: On a separate sheet, please briefly supply us with any additional information you think may be beneficial for us to know.

4. School Record: (please attach unofficial transcript) (?)

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5. Essay Topic: ANY IDEAS FOR THE TOPIC??? WHAT WOULD GARY WANT TO KNOW??? Ex – this was the question for the McElyea scholarship?: What does creativity and innovation have to do with math and science and what skills do you have that will allow you to connect your creativity with your educational course and future profession?

Essay should be 500 words or less on a separate sheet, typed, and double-spaced; no smaller than 10-point, easy-to-read font; margins should be no less than 1 inch.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the essay and additional information included in this application is my work and all the information is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I realize that failure to comply with a request for further information may prevent the applicant from receiving scholarship. I will supply any additional information the Deer Valley Education Foundation may request. Permission is hereby given to release information requested for consideration with this scholarship application.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE _____Date_____

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This section to be completed by School Counselor only

Counselor Signature: _____ Date: _____

PRINT Counselor Name: _____ Counselor's School:_____ Counselor e-mail:_____

Notes:_____
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This section to be completed by DVEF only

Scholarship Recipient? Yes__ No__

Final GPA: _____

DVEF INFO: Ck payable to: _____ CK#_____ DATE: _____

Notes:_____
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ACADEMIC APPLICANT APPRAISAL

Student Name _____ Student ID# _____

STUDENT INSTRUCTIONS: Have this section completed by a school administrator, counselor, or teacher who knows your academic accomplishments. Have him/her place the completed appraisal in a sealed envelope and sign the seal for security. Enclose the unopened envelope with completed application. **This form should be completed by someone other than a family member**.

Appraiser's Instructions: Please write whatever you think is important about this student, including a description of academic and personal characteristics. We are particularly interested in the candidate's maturity, integrity, leadership potential, special talents, enthusiasm, concern for others, respect accorded by faculty, and reaction to setbacks that will help us to differentiate this student from others. Also include how long you have known the student and in what context. You may attach a separate letter if you wish. **Place the completed appraisal in a sealed envelope and sign the seal for security. Return the sealed envelope to the student**.

Please rate this student in terms of:

No basis		Below Average	Average	Good Above Average	Very Good Well Above Average	Excellent Top 10%	One of the Top Few Encountered in my Career
	Academic achievement						
	Extracurricular accomplishments						
	Personal qualities and character						
	Creativity, original thought						
	Motivation						
	Self-confidence						
	Independence, initiative						
	Intellectual ability						
	Written expression of ideas						
	Effective class discussion						
	Disciplined work habits						
	Potential for growth						

I recommend this student: With reservation Fairly strongly Strongly Enthusiastically

Additional Information: _____
_____
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_____

Your Name: Title: Ph#:

How do you know this student (what class/club/etc.)?
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What year(s) did you interact with this student? _____

Your e-mail: _____

Signature: _____Date:_____