



## Criswell Memorial Scholarship 2025

**Applications must be received by May 26, 2025.**

The Criswell Memorial Scholarship was established by the Criswell family in honor of Ada businessman, Jerry Criswell. Jerry was an avid supporter of the arts and former president of the Ada Arts Council. The candidate must be a rising university senior, graduate student, or professional in the arts: theater, dance, visual arts, music, creative writing. The 2025 Criswell Memorial Scholarship is in the amount of \$1,600 to assist in continuing education in the area of the arts. The amount of the award is variable based on the income of the trust from the previous year. The committee reserves the right not to make an award if a qualified candidate does not apply, or to make multiple awards if it deems. The scholarship is open to all native or legal residents of Pontotoc County. If the candidate is not a resident, but one of their parents or guardians is a legal Pontotoc County resident, then the candidate can still apply.

### I. General Information

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a legal resident or native of Pontotoc County? \_\_\_\_\_

If no: Parent(s) First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Home: \_\_\_\_\_

### II. Area of Expertise

Theater \_\_\_\_\_

Dance \_\_\_\_\_

Visual Arts (be specific as to medium) \_\_\_\_\_

Music (vocal or instrumental) \_\_\_\_\_

Writing \_\_\_\_\_

### III. Professional History

Graduate Student \_\_\_\_\_ Professional \_\_\_\_\_

College or University: \_\_\_\_\_

City : \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree Major \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree Minor \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Certification \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

### Professional Honors, Awards

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### Brief summary of your arts background.

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### Has your work been published, exhibited, or have you been involved in a performance?

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### Explain when and how this scholarship will further your education or expertise (*tuition, supplies, room and board*)

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**Signature:**\_\_\_\_\_ **Date:**\_\_\_\_\_

**Along with your application, please forward a link to a website with your work.**

**Alternatively, for performing arts forward a 3–5-minute demo reel as an Mp4 or YouTube link, for visual arts forward a PDF portfolio of 5-10 images, and for writers, forward 3-5 pages of writing samples. Please attach a digital image of yourself so that we can promote our scholarship winners on social media and the AAC website.**

**Scholarship Awarding Process:**

**Step 1. Complete scholarship application with the following required documents:**

- A. Official transcript ( if applicable)**
- B. 2 Letters of recommendations (1 from a teacher/mentor in the arts)**
- C. Examples of work (see above for details)**
- D. Digital image of yourself (for promotion of winners)**

**Step 2. E-Mail Completed Application to:**

**Email:**

[adaartsok@gmail.com](mailto:adaartsok@gmail.com)

**Step 3. Upon acceptance, the Ada Arts Council will send a letter confirming the scholarship has been approved.**