



THE NEXT WAVE INITIATIVE

The Lorraine Hansberry Writing Scholarship Application

This scholarship is granted to a promising Black artist pursuing a collegiate education in Literature, Creative writing, Theatre or Screenplay writing. The winner will be awarded a scholarship payment of \$1,959 honoring 1959, the year Lorraine Hansberry made history as the first African-American playwright to debut on Broadway with *A Raisin in The Sun*.

Name/Pronouns: _____

Hometown: _____ Ethnicity: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

High-School & Graduation Year :

College & Expected Graduation Year:

Please attach the following materials:

- An electronic copy of your college acceptance letter and/or proof of your college semester class schedule.
- A one-page mission statement explaining why you are a Next Wave Initiative Scholar. What are your short and long term goals as a writer? What do you want from the business and how will your writing create change? What is your style and voice? What does writing mean to you?
- Your writing resume thus far, plus at least 30 pages of a writing sample. It can be a collection of pieces or one. Just put your best foot forward!

In one email, send all of the requested materials above, with your name + "Lorraine Hansberry Application" in the subject line to nextwave@directorscompany.org. Applications will open Monday April 1st, 2024 and must be submitted by Friday May 17th, 2024 at 11:59pm EST. All Next Wave Initiative Finalists will be announced in Summer 2024. The second round of the selection process will include a Zoom interview with NWI founder Douglas Lyons.