



THE NEXT WAVE INITIATIVE

The Hattie McDaniel Acting Scholarship Application

This scholarship is granted to a promising Black artist pursuing a collegiate education in acting or musical theatre. The winner will be awarded a scholarship payment of \$1,940, honoring 1940, the year Hattie McDaniel became the first Black actor to win an Oscar award for her performance in *Gone with The Wind*.

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?
- For non-singing actors, please tape two contrasting monologues, totaling no longer than 4 minutes. For musical theatre actors: tape two contrasting 32 bar cuts, and a monologue no longer than 90 seconds. Also include your most recent acting resume.

In one email, send all of the requested materials above, with your name + "Hattie McDaniel App" in the subject line to nextwave@directorscompany.org. Applications will open January 23rd, 2023 and must be submitted by March 16th, 2023 at 11:59pm EST. All Next Wave Initiative Finalists will be announced in Spring 2023. The second round of the selection process will include a Zoom interview with NWI founder Douglas Lyons.