



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 an actor? 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.