



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 Academy 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 acting create change? What is your style and voice? What does acting 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 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.