Addison L. Witt Foundation for Theatre and the Arts
2026-2027 Scholarship Application

The Addison L. Witt Foundation for Theatre and the Arts was created in loving memory of Addison Witt, Mercy High School Class of 2026, who passed away unexpectedly from a pulmonary embolism on April 6, 2026. Addison's passion was theatre, and she planned to attend Penn State University to study Technical Theatre. Addison thrived in an environment where she could create and be a part of a community. This scholarship will ensure Addison's name and legacy live on, as we strive to provide opportunities for students who share similar interests.

Due Date: January 19, 2027

Submission Method: addisonwittfoundation@gmail.com

Please submit via email. All supporting documents can be sent via Google Drive.

A short interview with the Board will be required.

Who is eligible? Mercy High School Seniors who are pursuing a college degree in theatre or the arts, or who can show dedication to the Mercy Performing Arts Department and/or Art Department during their tenure as a student at Mercy.

Part 1: Personal Information

- Full Name:
- Email Address:
- Physical Address:
- Phone Number:
- Date of birth:



Part 2: Essay Prompt Selection (Choose One – 500 words or less)

Choose **only one** of the following three prompts to answer as part of your application package:

- **Option 1: Artistic Inspiration**
  What inspires you as an artist? You do not need to limit yourself to theatre. Feel free to discuss any area of artistic expression in which you engage.
- **Option 2: A Life-Changing Theatre Moment**
  Has there been a moment in theatre, either as an observer or a participant, that has changed you? Did it make you feel a new way or see things in a different light? Write about that moment and discuss how it affected you.
- **Option 3: Favorite Story and Impact**
  Write about your favorite play, book, or movie and explain how you connected with the story. Discuss if the actors, music, colors, locations, and textures affected you as a viewer or audience member.
- **Required:** Please include a description of your involvement with the Mercy Performing Arts Department or Art Department throughout high school.

Part 3: Supporting Materials

Please attach the following items to your application:

- **Portfolio:** Can include theatre work, crafts, drawings, voice recordings, photos, ceramics, paintings, or other artistic samples (please send via Google drive).
- **Résumé:** A current resume detailing your artistic, academic, and extracurricular achievements.