

Cost of Living Scholarship

Please fill out the following application and email to Scholarship@portlandstage.org or mail to

Cost of Living Scholarship, Attn: HR Department
PO Box 1458
Portland, ME 04104

Provide the supporting materials with your application or note that you are sending them separately.

We plan on distributing the \$5,000 scholarship with \$1,000 being added to the first stipend (to help offset moving costs) and \$4,000 added evenly to the remainder of your biweekly stipends. However, we are open to working with the scholarship recipient to customize the distribution of the funds to better match their needs.

Please note: The Cost of Living Scholarship and the biweekly stipend are considered taxable income by both the Internal Revenue Service and the Maine Revenue Service. Thus, taxes will be withheld automatically from your paychecks.

Portland Stage Cost of Living Application

Name (Last, First): _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

High School Attended: _____

State High School is located in: _____

College Attended (if any): _____

Graduate School Attended (if any): _____

Are you currently enrolled in a college or graduate program? (Please circle)

Yes – Full time

Yes – Part Time

No

If selected for the apprenticeship program, where will you be moving from?

Please estimate the cost of moving to Portland from your current location: \$ _____

Do you consider yourself a first-generation college student? (Please circle)

Yes

No

Supporting Materials

1) **A personal statement** (approximately 500 words)

Address how Portland Stage's Cost of Living Scholarship will support your career trajectory. Please feel free to discuss any obstacles or factors that would prevent you from accepting an offer if not awarded the scholarship.

2) **Financial Documentation:**

If you attended college within the last year, please provide your most recent FAFSA Student Aid Report.

For those that did not attend college in the last year, please provide your most recent IRS 1040 Individual Income Tax Return.

If you feel that your situation makes neither a FAFSA Student Aid report nor a recent IRS 1040 Individual Income Tax Return appropriate, please reach out to Scholarship@portlandstage.org to explain your circumstances before applying, and we can work collaboratively on how best you can document your financial situation.