



William D. Smith and H. Marie Betrus Smith Scholarship for the Theatrical Arts

The purpose of the scholarship is to enhance the performance quality and technical aspects of acting for Monroe County residents. Many actors train at length in special programs, conservatories, universities or colleges to develop their acting skills. To promote the highest level of accomplishment, the scholarship will fund the mastery of textual interpretation, voice and movement.

Individual instruction at recognized Michigan facilities

Maximum award: \$250 annually for individual attending a recognized Michigan facility

100 point evaluation: 20 pts. application, 30 pts. audition #1, 30 pts. audition #2, 20 pts. Interview.

Application online at www.monroecommunityplayers.org

Deadline: April 10, 2010

Auditions to be scheduled in late April 2010

Scholarship to be awarded in May 2010

Applicants must audition.

Present two contrasting monologues not to exceed two minutes for each selection. Your choice of monologues can be from either modern or classical plays. Find a longer speech or blend several consecutive speeches of a character together. Material should be thoroughly memorized.

A brief interview will follow all auditions. Be prepared to talk about your theatre experience and how you would like to be involved in theatre. All awards are competitive and are granted on the basis of outstanding talent and potential for success. Awards are not based on financial need. We are looking for applicants who demonstrate creative excellence in theater.

2.5 grade point minimum is required for applicants currently enrolled in an academic program.

**Application form available at
www.monroecommunityplayers.org**

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William D. Smith starred as Elwood P. Dowd in "Harvey" presented by Monroe Community Players as a dinner theater in February, 1981. It was a favorite role.

Monroe
Community
Players

Ticket and Show Information
(734) 241-7900
www.monroecommunityplayers.org

Monroe Community Players celebrated 60 years of theater in 2008.

William D. Smith and his wife, H. Marie Betrus Smith, revitalized Monroe Community Players in 1948. It had disbanded during World War II. Bill's mother, Edna L. Smith, was a member at that time.

There have been four generations of the Smith family in Players. H. Marie Smith, Paul W. Smith, Bernie Abbate Smith, Alison Smith Schwanke, and Lauren Smith were all in plays with William D. Smith. Mark D. Smith has also been a member of Players, along with his daughter Jessica Smith Burns, who was in several shows.

Bill was a mentor for his peers in MCP, at Westgate Dinner Theater in Toledo and around theater communities in SE Michigan. He helped many hone their craft and reach for the exceptional performance. Bill and Marie worked together to make Monroe Community Players an integral part of the community. This scholarship carries on their work in developing actors to their full potential.