

SHIRLEY JONES

Scholarship



Thanks to the generosity of donors at the Shirley Jones 90th Birthday Gala last September, the Pittsburgh CLO Academy of Musical Theater is proud to offer a scholarship to a middle school student in the name of Pittsburgh Theater icon, Shirley Jones. Born in Charleroi and raised in Smithton, PA, Shirley Jones began performing at a young age and performed with Pittsburgh CLO before she went to New York and started her career. The rest, as they say, is Broadway and Hollywood history. In honor of this great talent who got their start in the Pittsburgh area, the Pittsburgh CLO Academy would like to offer a scholarship to a deserving middle school student (grades 6-8) who, like Jones, shares a passion for performing and wants to share their talent with the world!

Scholarship Benefits:

- Full coverage of tuition for the 2026/2027 school year
- Full coverage of one-year of private lessons in the discipline of your choice (voice, acting, dance, or piano)
- Registration Fee still applicable

Requirements:

- Student must be entering 6th through 8th grade for the 2026/2027 school year.
- Student must be signed up for classes in the 2026/2027 school year
- Complete and submit the Scholarship Application form found [HERE](#)
- Student must sign up for an audition time. Auditions will be held August 10th. They must prepare an audition that best showcases their talent. They must do one of the following:
 - Sing a song
 - Perform a monologue
 - Prepare a dance routine
- Lastly, student must prepare and submit an essay about Shirley Jones and her career in Musical Theater, Film, and Television. This can be on any topic they would like. Submit essays to cloacademy@pittsburghclo.org
- Applications are due no later than July 31, 2025
- Please note that if you have already signed up for the merit-based scholarship auditions, you simply need to provide the additional essay to be considered eligible for this scholarship