

**MIKE AND FRANCES OZNOWICZ MEMORIAL YOUTH  
SCHOLARSHIP  
APPLICATION AND GUIDELINES**

*Mike became interested in puppetry at the age of 8 and continued this interest throughout his life by building and performing with puppets. He was deeply involved with the formation and development of the San Francisco Bay Area Puppeteers Guild. He was a champion of great puppet theatre--of unique and unusual but always superlative performances. Frances, his wife, was trained in Haute Couture and her costume workshops at Festivals are legendary. Mike and Frances were passionate about life, people, and puppetry. This scholarship is to honor them and all their contributions to the art of the puppet.*

The Puppeteers of America, Inc., has established this youth scholarship to assist young puppeteers, puppet makers, and qualified puppetry students 12 to 21 years of age in attending a National Festival.

**All applicants must be members of the Puppeteers of America, Inc.** Phone 1-888-568-6235 or e-mail [membership@puppeteers.org](mailto:membership@puppeteers.org) for membership application and/or information. You can also join online at the POA website at [www.puppeteers.org](http://www.puppeteers.org).

The Scholarship will cover registration, room and board for the National Festival of the Puppeteers of America to be held July 17 - 22, 2007 at Concordia University in St. Paul, Minnesota. Travel must be provided by the recipient. Info at [www.puppetrampage2007.org](http://www.puppetrampage2007.org).

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**PLEASE SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING:**

(1) A completed Scholarship application form. Please do not exceed the space provided for your answers, and please type or print legibly. **NO E-MAILED APPLICATIONS, PLEASE--we need your signature.**

(2) At least one letter of recommendation from an adult (other than a Parent or Guardian) who knows your puppetry work (for example: a teacher, librarian, scout leader, minister, puppetry Guild member, Puppeteers of America member). **The letter of recommendation should be sent directly from the reference to Kamala Kruszka at the address below. NO E-MAILED LETTERS, PLEASE--WE NEED A SIGNATURE!**

(3) Pictures, promotional materials, or publicity of your puppetry work. **If you wish to have the materials returned to you, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope. NO VIDEOS, PLEASE--we cannot duplicate them!**

**Note:** Due to the expense of color copies, only one color copy will be forwarded to each member of the Scholarship Selection Committee. If you send more than one color print, please indicate which one you would like to have sent out to the Committee or provide enough copies (5) for each Committee member.

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\*Parents/Guardians of scholarship winners under the age of 18 will be required to (1) sign a release of liability form and (2) register a responsible Guardian who will supervise the minor during the Festival before a scholarship can be rewarded.

\*No P. of A. Trustees, members of the Education committees, or members of the Scholarship Committee may apply. Previous Youth Scholarship winners are not eligible.

\*The Scholarship Committee will review all applications in February/March 2007. All applicants will be notified of the Committee's decisions around April 1, 2007--all decisions of the Committee are final.

***Send completed application and support materials to:***

Kamala Kruszka  
P. of A. Scholarship Committee Chair  
9612 Twain Way  
Bakersfield, CA 93311

**ALL APPLICATIONS AND SUPPORT MATERIALS (INCLUDING LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION) MUST BE RECEIVED BY FEBRUARY 1, 2007. NO EXCEPTIONS!**



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4) What are your puppetry expectations and/or goals? \_\_\_\_\_

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5) Why do you want to attend the National Puppetry Festival (what do you hope to gain from attendance)? \_\_\_\_\_

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6) How will you apply what you have learned at the Festival? \_\_\_\_\_

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7) Is there anything else you would like us to know? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Puppeteers of America is not responsible for any minor while s/he is attending or traveling to/from the Festival. A parent or designated guardian must accompany any scholarship winner under the age of 18.**

Signature of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

From whom are you requesting a letter of recommendation (one required, a second one optional)?

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**Thank you for your application.  
Notification will be in the 1<sup>st</sup> week of April, 2007.**