



SATURDAY FEBRUARY 28, 2026

5 PM till 11 PM

**Reading Civic Theatre
Celebration of the Arts
Scholarship Competition
Berks County High Schools**

Attention Berks County Juniors and Seniors

Deadline to request an audition date is October 10, 2025

For the last fifteen years, Reading Civic Theatre (RCT) has held an event that is the organization's annual major fundraiser while providing an opportunity for our talented Berks County high school students, particularly those involved in a theater or music program, to compete for scholarship monies. We offer three scholarship awards totaling at least \$1200.

Students, in either 11th or 12th grade, who would be interested in performing in this competition are invited to attend an audition, on either **Saturday October 25 or Sunday October 26, 2025**, at RCT's new venue, 4350 Perkiomen Avenue in Exeter, site of the former Fox Theater East. There will be a **\$10 audition fee** to defray the cost of holding the audition.

The purpose of the audition is to identify ten finalists who will attend the Scholarship Competition to compete. The audition and actual event will highlight the students' ability in singing and acting. The song must be from a musical and the contestant must bring the music (no voice track) of the song on a flash drive or on your phone to the audition. See attached "Contestant Rules" for further information.

The ten finalists will be notified by **Friday, November 7** of their acceptance to perform at the Scholarship Competition being held on **February 28, 2026**. There will be three judges at the competition as identified by the RCT Scholarship Competition Committee. To assure fairness in judging, we will have the names of the judges by the audition. One of the requirements to be eligible for the event is that a contestant is not related to, or be a student of, a competition judge. The winners will be identified on the night of the competition, and monies will be disbursed within two weeks after the event.

A complimentary seat at the Scholarship Competition will be provided to the contestant, however, a parent or guardian who must be present with the student will need to purchase a ticket.

Students interested in auditioning must submit their names and audition requests on **Sign-up Genius**. You will find the link for the sign-up, contestant rules, and other Scholarship Competition information at **readingcivic.org** (click on the Scholarship Competition tab). You must choose your audition time by **Friday, October 10, 2025**. Jeannette DeAngelo, Scholarship Competition Chairperson, will be available to answer any questions via email at **jmbway@aol.com**.

Thanks for your support in the Arts!

Jeannette DeAngelo

RCT Gala & Scholarship Competition Chairperson