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Application to Receive Funds

The Aurora Mayor's Charity Golf Classic has raised over \$1 million to date and has financially assisted several community organizations to provide much needed services to residents living in the Town of Aurora. Recipient selection is conducted annually by the application review and disbursement committee of the Town of Aurora Mayor's Charity Golf Classic and is based on the information provided in this application.

Funding Criteria and guidelines;

- Individual applicants and community groups must demonstrate financial hardship or a limited means to retain funds in another manner. Individual applications demonstrating financial hardship will be kept confidential.
- Individuals and organizations may not receive funding for more than two consecutive years.
- Funding requests for more than \$5,000 in a calendar year will not be accepted.
- Funding requests for more than 50% of an initiative will not be considered and applicants must demonstrate how the remaining funds will be or have been obtained
- Applications should demonstrate a benefit to the residents of the Town of Aurora that receiving the funding will provide
- Successful applicants will be required to report back in any way they deem appropriate regarding the utilization of funds within six (6) months of receiving funds

Name of Individual or Community Group *

Marquee Theatrical Productions

Address

Street Number and Name *

2B-73 Industrial Parkway N.

City/ Town *

AURORA

Ontario

Postal Code *

L4G 4C4

Contact Information

Email Address *

Phone Number *

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On a separate document, please outline your initiative and any supporting documentation you have. The information being provided should align with the funding criteria guidelines found above. Please attach your documentation with this this form.



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Mayor Mrakas and the Mayor's Golf Classic Committee

Town of Aurora 100 John West Way, Box 1000 Aurora, Ontario L4G 6J1

RE: Funding Request for Marquee Theatrical Productions

Dear Mayor Mrakas and Esteemed Committee Members,

On behalf of Marquee Theatrical Productions, I am writing to request consideration for a \$5,000 donation from the Mayor's Golf Classic to support our efforts in making musical theatre and drama programs accessible to Aurora families. With rising operational costs and the unexpected loss of a beloved annual fundraiser, we are facing significant challenges in ensuring that all children, regardless of financial barriers, have the opportunity to participate in the arts.

This year, our rent has increased by **35%**, with additional increases set for the next two years. At the same time, our primary fundraising initiative, selling Fraktals, has been eliminated due to the company's bankruptcy. This has left us with a major gap in funding, particularly for our **subsidized program that provides financial assistance to low and middle-income families**. The \$5,000 from the Mayor's Golf Classic would provide a crucial bridge as we work to establish a new fundraising initiative.

These funds would directly support **Aurora residents**, ensuring that children aged 4-18 can access our musical theatre and drama programs, either partially or fully subsidized. These programs provide much more than just performance training—they foster confidence, creativity, teamwork, and a sense of belonging, helping young people develop essential life skills. Many of our participants come from families facing financial challenges, and without assistance, they would be unable to experience the benefits of arts education.

Marquee has proudly served the Aurora community for over 23 years, providing high-quality arts education and performances that enrich our town's cultural landscape. We are committed to ensuring that financial barriers never stand in the way of a child's ability to participate in the arts, and with your support, we can continue to offer these life-changing opportunities to families in need.

We deeply appreciate your consideration and the Mayor's Golf Classic's commitment to supporting local organizations that make a difference in our community. We would be honored to be chosen as a recipient and look forward to the opportunity to continue our work with Aurora's youth.

Please feel free to reach out should you require any additional information. Thank you for your time, generosity, and dedication to the people of Aurora.

Sincerely,

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Sheryl Thomas Executive Director Marquee Theatrical Productions