



# 2010 MFA in Acting APPLICATION CHECKLIST

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## **WELCOME** Fall 2010 Applicants

The Office of Academic Services of the USC School of Theatre looks forward to assisting you through the application process. If we can be of service to you in any step of this process, please feel free to contact us at 213.821.4163

### **Following are the deadlines for submitting your application:**

January 8	MFA in Dramatic Writing deadline & MFA in Acting Priority deadline
February 13	MFA in Acting FINAL DEADLINE
May 1	USC Financial Aid

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Please use this checklist to ensure you have submitted all the necessary application materials for graduate study in theatre at USC.

### **USC School of Theatre Supplemental Application** (see attached)

ALL MFA in Acting applicants are encouraged NOT to submit an online application via the USC Graduate School website until they have been offered admission. You are REQUIRED, however, to submit the School of Theatre Supplemental application

### **Audition Fee**

A nonrefundable audition fee of **\$40** is required prior to auditioning with us. Payment can be made via check or money order.

### **Headshot**

A formal/professional headshot should be submitted with your application. Informal pictures or snapshots will not be accepted.

### **Personal Statement**

1-2 double-spaced pages, 12-pt font, 1-inch margins, responding to the following:

- What, in your life, has inspired you to become an actor
- What experience or personality traits define who you are?
- Why are you interested in pursuing an MFA at this point in your career?
- What are you expecting to gain from the training at USC?

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❑ **Transcripts**

Submit **ONE** original transcript, in a sealed envelope, from each institution attended.

One official copy of your transcript is required for admission. If you have taken any courses at another institution, you will need to send transcripts from those institutions as well, regardless if they are noted on your undergraduate transcript.

If you are a college senior, do not wait for senior-year grades before submitting your application and transcript.

USC undergraduates: You do NOT have to submit official copies of USC transcripts. You MUST, however, submit ONE unofficial copy of your USC transcript, which can be obtained at the Registrar's office (STARS reports will NOT be accepted)

❑ **Letters of Recommendation**

**THREE** letters of recommendation must be included with each application.

If your recommender chooses, s/he may submit a formal letter of recommendation via mail. Each letter of recommendation must be printed on official letterhead and sealed in an envelope with the signature over the flap. We ask that you collect all letters of recommendation and send them with your application materials.

❑ **Resume or Curriculum Vitae (CV)**

❑ **Audition Request Form**

Auditions have been scheduled in Los Angeles, New York, Chicago, and San Francisco. In order to be considered for admission, every student **MUST** audition. You will be asked to perform two pieces, one classical and the other contemporary, of contrasting nature, lasting no more than two minutes a piece.

❑ **FAFSA (Free Application for Student Aid) *Optional***

For applicants who qualify for federal aid, we encourage you to submit a FAFSA application by the posted deadline. To complete an application, please visit: [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

❑ Send a **COMPLETE** application packet to:

**USC School of Theatre  
Graduate Admissions  
1029 Childs Way  
Los Angeles, California 90089-0791**

Information received by the Office of Academic Services will be processed in a timely manner. Any applicant may inquire on the status of his/her application by calling our office at 213.821.4163.

*For International Applicants Only:*

International applicants must submit a Confidential Financial Statement/Verification of Funds with their application, which needs to offer substantial proof of adequate funding for the entire course of study in the U.S.