

SCHOLARSHIP PACKET

***IF you're planning to audition for
Scholarships, please read CAREFULLY!***

2020 LOUISIANA THESPIAN FESTIVAL

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Natchitoches, Louisiana

LOUISIANA THESPIAN SOCIETY

DEADLINE: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2019

This packet contains instructions for and materials required of applicants for Thespian scholarship auditions at the Louisiana Thespian Festival. READ INSTRUCTIONS, GUIDELINES AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS CAREFULLY. FAILURE TO FOLLOW ALL DIRECTIONS WILL CAUSE INELIGIBILITY.

BEFORE THE FESTIVAL

- Directors should make copies of the Audition Application, Performance and Technical Scholarship Guidelines/ Eligibility, Example of “Expected Resume” and distribute to interested seniors.
- Resumes MUST look like the “Expected Resumes” and are limited to one page and MUST BE TYPED! No hand-printed resumes will be accepted.
- Photos must be submitted as an 8 x 10 head shot only.
- The Thespian Scholarship Application Form must be typed. Hand written forms will be accepted.
- Indicate type of audition by circling either Performance or Technical in the appropriate space.
- The Scholarship Application Packet is to be mailed by the deadline of **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2019** with Registration materials. ALL MATERIALS ARE TO BE MAILED IN A LARGE BROWN MANILA ENVELOPE. PLEASE DO NOT FOLD APPLICATION MATERIALS.
- NO materials will be added to ANY applicant's packet after the deadline.
- NO materials will be accepted for processing after the deadline OR at the Festival.
- NO substitutions are allowed at the auditions.
- TBA's are not allowed.
- Directors must notify Audition Coordinator as soon as possible in the event a student drops out of the audition Process.
- A non-refundable check \$20.00 must be included with the Festival Registration Fee. (One Check Only)
- Waiting areas for Performance & Technical Scholarships must remain clear & quiet!
- **FAILURE TO COMPLETE PORTIONS OF REQUIRED FORMS AND/OR TO SUBMIT ALL REQUIRED MATERIALS BY THE DEADLINE WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION OF THE APPLICANT.**

AT FESTIVAL

- Applicants must attend the mandatory Audition Workshop on Friday of the Conference.
- Group assignments will be announced at the Friday Audition Workshop. NO changes will be made in assignments. Applicants for the performance auditions will be randomly divided into two groups.
- Performance Auditions will commence at 9:00AM Saturday.
- Presentation interviews for Technical Scholarship applicants will commence at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday.
- ALL Times are subject to change by the Audition Coordinator, Chapter Director or Festival Chair.

THESPIAN PERFORMANCE SCHOLARSHIP

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Performance Scholarship Guidelines

- One \$900.00 scholarship and two \$450.00 scholarships will be awarded in this category.
- The emphasis during the audition should be on presentation and performance.
- No special lighting will be available.
- The audition may be conducted in a large auditorium or a small classroom. Be prepared to adapt to any space used.
- You will be provided with two straight chairs and one small table, which you may arrange prior to your introduction. You may not use additional set pieces, hand props or costumes.
- CANDIDATES SHOULD DRESS WITH A POLISHED, PROFESSIONAL APPEARANCE. JEANS, SANDELS, FLIP-FLOPS SNEAKERS, MINISKIRTS AND SOLID BLACK ARE NOT ALLOWED!
- The candidate's introduction should ONLY include their name, school and titles & authors of the selections.
- All auditions must be solo presentations. Other students may not perform with the auditioning candidate.
- All auditions will be a **maximum of three (3) minutes**. If the candidate exceeds this limit, time will be called and disqualification will result. Time will begin after the introduction of the selection.
- The candidate must thoroughly prepare **two (2) contrasting selections** from plays. Plays must be from published theatrical literature only! A song and/or dance may be performed as one of the selections. Material (music or script) must be drawn from published scripts written for theatre. Works from other forms such as film, poetry, fiction or standard popular song lyric/instrumental are not permitted. If such a musical audition is planned, recorded music must be used (provide your own CD player). A piano will NOT be provided. The total time limit for presentation remains a total of three (3) minutes.
- It is the individual's responsibility to secure permission from the publisher.
- Interviews may be requested of the student after auditions. Be prepared to answer questions!
- THESE SCHOLARSHIPS ARE GIVEN TO DESERVING CANDIDATES AS DETERMINED BY THE JUDGES. IT IS TO THE JUDGE'S DISCRETION IF THE SCHOLARSHIPS SHOULD BE AWARDED. If there is only one candidate in Performance Scholarship, it does not necessitate an immediate scholarship to that candidate.
- Scholarship winners are announced at the closing ceremonies.

Eligibility for Performance Scholarships

- The student must be a senior in a Louisiana high school scheduled to graduate by **Spring 2020**.
- The student must be an inducted thespian with the International Thespian Society (ITS) by the Festival deadline. Scholarship money will not be awarded to non-thespians. The student must be in good standing with the ITS and Louisiana Thespians.

- The student must have a minimum overall grade point average (high school) of 2.00, verified by an authorized school representative.
- The student must plan to major or minor in Theatre or Communications.
- The student must be a registered thespian at the Louisiana State Conference and attend the entire State Festival.
- The student must be auditioned and interviewed by a panel of college judges and ITS representatives.
- Submit all required materials (with Troupe's Registration) in a single packet as described by the announced deadline, including Scholarship Application, one-page typed resume, 8x10 head shot, and a copy of the student's thespian card (as proof of an Inducted Thespian with the International Thespian Society).
- \$20.00 (non-refundable) scholarship application fee included in the Registration check.
- The student recognizes the deadline for submission of all scholarship materials is **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2019.**

See Page 4 for Thespian Technical Scholarship Information.

THESPIAN TECHNICAL SCHOLARSHIP

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Technical Scholarship Guidelines

- One \$650.00 Scholarship will be awarded in this category.
- The emphasis during the interview will be on the candidate's presentation of their experience as listed on their resume, and the degree of technical knowledge in the areas of proficiency.
- Technical portfolios/documentation should be presented, which include supporting materials such as designs, sketches, photos, programs.
- CANDIDATES SHOULD DRESS WITH A POLISHED, PROFESSIONAL APPEARANCE. JEANS, SANDELS, FLIP-FLOPS SNEAKERS, MINISKIRTS AND SOLID BLACK ARE NOT ALLOWED.
- Five (5) minutes will be allowed for your presentation and interview.
- Be prepared to answer questions from the judges.
- Candidate's Introduction must include only the candidate's name and school.
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See Page 6 for Thespian Scholarship Application Form.

THESPIAN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

(PLEASE TYPE!)

CIRCLE TYPE OF AUDITION: PERFORMANCE TECHNICAL

Last Name First Name Middle

Graduation Date Grade Age Sex Student Email

Home Mailing Address City State Zip Code

Home Phone # Cell #

Thespian Troupe Number High School

School Phone # _____

School Address City State Zip Code

Thespian Troupe Director's Name Principal's Name

Troupe Director's Home Phone # Troupe Director's Email

Name of Selection (if performance audition): _____

Do you play a musical instrument? _____ Yes _____ No If yes, please specify _____

Are you interested in Musical Theatre? As a Major _____ As a Minor _____

Intended Major _____ Minor _____

Grade Point Average _____ ACT _____ SAT _____

Counselor's Signature _____ Date: _____

Counselor's Office Phone: _____

MAIL THESE MATERIALS BY FESTIVAL DEADLINE:

- Thespian Scholarship Application Form (Page 6)
 - Scholarship Fee \$20.00 (Include in Registration Fee)
 - Copy of the student's thespian card (as proof of an inducted thespian with the International Thespian Society)
 - 8x10 Head Shot (Black & White or Color)
 - Resume (See Example)
- *All Scholarship Materials **MUST** be mailed
Certified Mail Return/ Receipt Requested*

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