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2021 State Thespian Officer Candidate Information

State Thespian Officer Expectations

Board Meetings:

- Required to attend all Iowa Thespian Chapter Board meetings and participate in regular electronic meetings with the State Thespian Officers
- Mandatory board meetings for 2021 will be in June, July, August, and October

The location for each of these meetings and events will be determined in advance. State Thespian Officers that are unable to attend multiple meetings may be removed from his or her position.

Financial Contributions/Obligations:

The Iowa Thespian Chapter Board will provide the following for all State Thespian Officers:

- Lunch at all Iowa Thespian Chapter Board meetings
- Half (50%) of the registration cost of the ITF & full payment of leadership fee
- Full registration cost for the Iowa Thespian Leadership Day
- Full registration cost for the Iowa Thespian Festival, including shared lodging and meals beginning the night before the festival

State Thespian Officers will need to provide the following:

- Transportation to and from all Iowa Thespian board meetings by a parent/guardian or troupe director
- Meals not outlined above, which may include meals to, from, or during board events and/or additional meals at board meetings
- Additional activities not included in the basic registration fee for ITF (scholarship, IEs, Tech Challenge, etc.) as well as any late fees incurred for not meeting deadlines
- Additional or private lodging or changes to lodging which have not been requested by the Iowa Thespian Board

International Thespian Festival:

State Thespian Officers are expected to attend the International Thespian Festival (ITF) in order to participate in vital leadership training.

State Thespian Officers are to meet all the following obligations:

- Meet all registration deadlines
- Attend at least 4 workshop sessions and present an evaluation of the workshop afterwards
- Attend all mainstage performances with exemplary theater etiquette/behavior
- Attend all leadership workshop sessions
- Comply with all festival behavior expectations set forth by the festival host

State Thespian Officers will present about their experience and learning at the International Thespian Festival during the next Iowa Thespian Chapter Board meeting.

Failure to adhere to any of the above provisions may result in an invoice for part or all of the registration fees that were paid for by the Iowa Thespian Chapter Board. If a State Thespian Officer is sent home from festival because of poor behavior, the student will be invoiced for the entire sum paid by the Iowa Thespian Chapter Board. In addition, the student will be immediately removed from his or her position as an STO.

Iowa Thespian Festival:

State Thespian Officers are to meet all the following obligations:

- Meet all registration deadlines
- Participate in no more than ONE (1) additional festival activity, due to the time and commitment necessary to fulfill STO responsibilities. This includes Individual Events, Studio Theatre, Mainstage, and Tech Challenge events. This does NOT include College/Thespian Scholarship Auditions. State Thespian Officers may participate in these auditions AND one additional festival event.
- Attend all mainstage performances with exemplary theater etiquette/behavior
- Comply with all festival behavior expectations set forth by the festival host

Failure to adhere to any of the above provisions may result in an invoice for part or all of the registration fees that were paid for by the Iowa Thespian Chapter Board. If a State Thespian Officer is sent home from festival because of poor behavior, the student will be invoiced for the entire sum paid by the Iowa Thespian Chapter Board. In addition, the student will be immediately removed from his or her position as an STO.

Iowa Leadership Day:

State Thespian Officers are to meet all the following obligations:

- Meet all registration deadlines
- Prepare and present a workshop for all student delegates to the leadership day
- Submit a request for reimbursement for all necessary leadership materials
- Comply with all leadership day behavior expectations set forth the by the leadership day host

Failure to adhere to any of the above provisions may result in an invoice for part or all of the registration fees that were paid for by the Iowa Thespian Chapter Board. If a State Thespian Officer is sent home from leadership day because of poor behavior, the student will be invoiced for the entire sum paid by the Iowa Thespian Chapter Board. In addition, the student will be immediately removed as a STOr.

Junior Thespian Festival:

State Thespian Officers are to meet all the following obligations:

- Prepare and present a workshop for all student delegates to the Junior Thespian Festival
- Submit a request for reimbursement for all necessary workshop materials
- Comply with all Junior Festival behavior expectations set forth the by the Junior Festival host

Transportation:

- Transportation to and from all Iowa Thespian Chapter Board activities is the responsibility of parent(s) or legal guardians and/or troupe director. Iowa Thespians and the Educational Theatre Association are not responsible or liable for transportation of student board members.
- Transportation/funds for transportation will not be provided by the Iowa Thespian Chapter Board

2021 State Thespian Officer Candidate Selection Process

To be a candidate to serve as a 2021 State Thespian Officer, students will need to complete each of the following steps -

Step 1. Attend the 2020 Virtual Iowa Thespian Leadership Day on Saturday, August 1

- This event will provide you outstanding leadership training to help you at the troupe, school, community, and state level
- The event will give you the chance to meet and learn from the current State Thespian Officers

Step 2. Application Form

- The application form and materials will be due along with Iowa Thespian Festival registration
- Materials include...
 - Resume
 - Essays
 - Contract
 - Recommendation Form - Troupe Director & 1 other reference
- All components must be completed and submitted by the festival registration deadline in order to be accepted.

Step 3. Iowa Thespian Festival

- All STO candidates will participate in the leadership lunch at festival
- Each candidate will share a 4-5 minute presentation during the festival for a selection committee. The presentation will include...
 - Candidate's "Theatre Story"
 - Leadership Experience
 - Vision for Iowa Thespians, including potential theme for next year's festival
- The candidates will need to create a presentation (using a presentation board or digital slideshow presentation) that highlights their "theatre story". The goal of the visual aid is to help the selection committee get to know the candidates.
 - In addition, the goal of the presentation board is to see the STO candidate has prepared for their presentation in advance.
- After the presentation, candidates will participate in a 3-5 minute interview with the selection committee
 - The purpose of the interview is to gain additional insight into your leadership style, experience, and ideas

Step 4. Feedback

- The selection committee will complete a rubric for each State Thespian Officer candidate with written comments on the following -
 - Essays
 - Presentation
 - Interview
- The purpose of this feedback is to provide you with some leadership growth opportunities by highlighting strengths and suggestions on your leadership skills

Step 5. Announcement

- The 2021 State Thespian Officers will be announced electronically via the website during the high school festival