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STO Candidacy Packet

Thank you for your interest in becoming an Arkansas State Thespian Officer. Please review, complete, and submit the attached packet before **November 5, 2021**

Break a leg!

Candidate Checklist

Please ensure that you have completed this packet in its entirety.
Incomplete/late packets will result in disqualification of
candidates.

Complete the following:

_____ - ***2-minute video submission***

_____ - ***One page essay***

_____ - ***Completed candidate consent form***

***When you have all boxes checked, make sure that all items are
present and complete before sending to the email address listed in
'Candidate Nominations Guidelines' form.***

STO (State Thespian Officer) CANDIDATE NOMINATION GUIDELINES

One thespian from your troupe may run as an STO. Arkansas Thespians State Student Board has up to six Student Board Officer positions. Final voting will occur at state festival and the new STOs will be announced at the closing ceremonies..

ELIGIBILITY

In order to be a candidate for the Student State Board, a student must meet the following qualifications:

1. Must be an entering Sophomore or Junior in good standing with your troupe, school, EdTA, and have a 2.5 GPA or higher.
2. Must be an active thespian registered with the EdTA.

APPLICATION

All four items listed below must be received via email by the November 5, 2021 deadline in order to be considered for candidacy. The Video, Headshot, and Candidate Permission Form must be sent to arthespianssto@gmail.com by **November 5, 2021**.

1. Two minute video submission including:
 - a. Introduction of self
 - b. Description of leadership skills
 - c. Explanation of what you would bring to the table as an STO
2. One page essay including:
 - a. Why advocating for theatre is important
 - b. How you would advocate for theatre as an STO
3. Headshot
4. Completed Candidacy Consent Form

CANDIDACY PROCESS

1. Complete and submit the application by the deadline. Candidate application packet can be found under the STO tab on the state website: www.arkansasthespians.org.
2. All applications will be reviewed by the STO and their liaisons.
3. Candidates will be notified by January 14, 2022 informing them if they have been selected as a semi-finalist candidate.
4. All semi-finalist candidates will participate in a Zoom interview with STO and their liaisons
5. Candidates will be notified before February 1, 2021 informing them if they have been selected as a final candidate.
6. All final candidates are required to be registered for festival Leadership Seminar.
7. Candidates must be present at all General Assemblies and will be used as STO interns by assisting current STO as asked during Festival.
8. Each Candidate must participate in the Leadership Seminar at Festival and be prepared to give a two-minute election speech and answer prompted questions from the STO.

ELECTIONS

1. Each Troupe Director will be emailed an online ballot. Each attending troupe will have a small window of time at festival to vote for their desired board of six officers. *Troupe Directors, please consult with your troupe and vote based on troupe consensus.*

DUTIES

The main duties of the Student Board Officers are as follows:

1. Attend State Board Meetings with the Chapter Director and Adult Board members, as requested. Meeting sites are determined by the Chapter Director. Travel & Food expenses are incurred by the individual student.

2. Attend the summer leadership camp (date TBD), and conduct a statewide leadership day camp for AR Thespians.
3. Decide on the theme and logo for the upcoming Festival.
4. If attending International Thespian Festival, attend the week-long leadership workshop led by ITO.
5. Advocacy: Promote Arkansas Thespians and the ideas for which it stands.
6. Raise the funds necessary for the '*Nancy Brown Student Leadership Scholarship*' that is given to a student in Arkansas by the STO.
7. The Student Board Officers are responsible for creating and conducting the Leadership Seminar at the State Festival.

TERMS OF OFFICE

Terms begin on the Monday following the State Festival and run until closing ceremony at the following state festival.

LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The Leadership Seminar covers several topics of interest relevant to students in leadership positions including: Stress & Time Management, Psychology of Leadership, Fundraising, Team Working Skills and Officer-Member Responsibility. THIS IS A GREAT WORKSHOP FOR NETWORKING WITH OTHER STUDENTS!

IT IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED AND RECOMMENDED THAT TROUPE BOARD OFFICERS ATTEND. ALL STATE STUDENT OFFICER CANDIDATES ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND! EACH SCHOOL CAN SEND UP TO 5 STUDENTS.

Parent/Guardian Consent and Health Form for Arkansas State Thespian Officer Candidate 2021

Thespian's name _____ Troupe# _____

Student's email _____ Student's cell (____) _____

Troupe Director's Name _____

Person to contact in case of emergency: _____

Emergency numbers(____) _____ (____) _____

Allergic reactions to: _____

Medications presently being taken: _____

Any past illnesses or other information that would be useful in the event medical treatment is necessary:

Please provide a copy of your insurance card.

Payment will be made by: (parent, student, or insurance company) _____

Insurance information-Policy number: _____ Group number: _____

The undersigned hereby releases and agrees to hold harmless the Arkansas Educational Theatre Association and its respective agents, employees, and representatives from any and all claims, demands, actions and causes of action, which the undersigned may have as a result of the student listed above participating in the activities as an AR State Chapter Officer. The undersigned student agrees to be responsible for him/herself while participating in activities including any personal expenses incurred by the student, caused by the student and/or any personal injuries which may occur to the student. The undersigned further understands that should a major medical problem arise, the parent/guardian will be notified by telephone. In the event s/he cannot be reached, s/he hereby gives consent to such medical treatment as deemed necessary, including x-ray examination and anesthesia to be rendered by a licensed physician or physicians. The undersigned certifies that s/he has read and fully understands this authorization.

As an officer, s/he will have duties that must be fulfilled for AR Thespians. Officers will be expected to have constant communication with other board members and STO Liaisons throughout the year. Officers not fulfilling their roles and/or responsibility may be removed from their position at the discretion of the Student Chapter Liaison(s) and the State Chapter Director.

Yes, I give my permission for _____ to travel on their own, or with Stephanie Schultze/Justyn McEntire, the STO Liaisons while attending Arkansas Thespian related events and training. There will be one weekend in the summer of 2021 and other one day events throughout the school year.

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

Director signature

Date

Troupe

Print Troupe Director /Contact number

Email

HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION please fill in below.

I, _____, agree that this student has the leadership skills necessary to serve as a State Thespian Officer. I will support this student in the event he/she is elected to serve our state organization. I understand that this position may include up to three (3) excused absences throughout the 2021-2022 school year.

Signature of School Principal

Date

Print Name/Contact number

Email address

School Counselor Signature

Candidate GPA