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2020-2021 Honor Troupe Point System and Guidelines

Through the Honor Troupe program, the Arkansas Thespians Society seeks to recognize troupes for their many achievements and endeavors during the school year. Activities must take place between the last day of this year's State Festival to the first day of next year's State Festival. The application for Honor Troupe is available on the website www.arkansasthespians.org under State Thespians Festival.

A digital portfolio and application reflecting the troupe's activities during the current Honor Troupe cycle must be submitted electronically to Amy Pumphrey no later than January 22nd, 2021. The portfolio should be a PowerPoint Presentation, a Google Hyperdoc, or any other means you can digitally imagine and should accurately document your points earned in each category. Questions? Contact Amy Pumphrey at apumphre@fortsmithschools.org.

Honor Troupe award recipients will be announced during the Arkansas State Thespians Festival in February 2021. Honor Troupes will be designated as Gold, Silver, or Bronze Honor Troupes, based on the amount of points awarded to each troupe. We encourage all troupes to apply for Honor Troupe! PLEASE NOTE: Many of the categories state that if you were planning an event that was cancelled due to Covid, you will still receive full credit for that event. We want to make sure that your work and your students' work is honored, even if it never reached its full potential.

Portfolio submissions must be organized using the following categories and descriptors. Each entry in the portfolio must include accompanying evidence or documentation.

THESPIAN STANDARDS--Must show evidence of all to achieve Honor Troupe status.

- On time troupe renewal (include invoice from EdTA)
- Troupe awards and records students' Thespians points using an established point system based on the EdTA guidelines. (Show evidence of Troupe's point record keeping, inductions, student recognitions, etc.)
- Attendance at Fall Planning Meeting (we will check our records for attendance)
- Attendance at Festival Town Hall Meeting (we will check our records for attendance)

Theatre Productions

Maximum Value 40 points

(Evidence/documentation might include playbills, posters, tickets, renderings, photos, newspaper articles, etc.)

- Full-length Production (5 points)
 - Student-directed (+3)
 - Taking the show on tour or off campus (+3)
 - Original script composed by student(s) (+5)
 - Student-designed technical element [Provide designs and photos] (+3 per element)
[These points/this show cannot be counted elsewhere on the application]
- One-Act Production--30-60 minutes in length (3 points)
 - Student-directed (+2)
 - Taking the show on tour or off-campus (+2)
 - Original script composed by student(s) (+3)
 - Student-designed technical element [Provide designs and photos] (+2 per element)
[These points/this show cannot be counted elsewhere on the application]
- One-Act Production--20-30 minutes in length (2 points)
 - Student-directed (+1)
 - Taking the show on tour or off-campus (+1)
 - Original script composed by student(s) (+2)
 - Student-designed technical element [Provide designs and photos] (+1 per element)
[These points/this show cannot be counted elsewhere on the application]
- Class Project with Public Performance (2 points)
 - Student-directed (+1)
 - Taking the show on tour or off-campus (+1)
 - Original script composed by student(s) (+2)
 - Student-designed technical element [Provide designs and photos] (+1 per element)
[These points/this show cannot be counted elsewhere on the application]
- Variety Showcase for public (3 points)
- Improvisation Show for public (2 points)
- Coffee house or Open-Mic Night for public or for students only (1 point)
- Hosting/sponsoring a talent show/competition -OR- having 5 or more Thespians in a talent show/competition (3 points)
- Other production (1-5 points) [Provide explanation and documentation]

IF YOU WERE FORCED TO CANCEL A PERFORMANCE THAT YOU HAD ALREADY BEGUN WORKING ON BEFORE PIVOTING TO VIRTUAL IN MARCH, YOU WILL STILL RECEIVE FULL CREDIT FOR THAT SHOW EVEN IF IT WAS NEVER FINISHED.

Community and School Service

Maximum value 10 points

(Evidence/documentation might include photographs, official documents, letters from the service organization, newspaper articles, etc.)

- Troupe creates and leads an original community service/improvement project effort (5 points)
- Five or more Thespians participating in a school service project (3 points)
- Five or more Thespians participating in a local, state, national or international community service project (4 points)

IF YOU HAD PLANNED A SERVICE EVENT BUT COULD NOT COMPLETE IT DUE TO COVID-19 YOU WILL STILL RECEIVE FULL CREDIT FOR THAT EVENT.

Troupe Participation

Maximum Value 40 points

(Evidence/documentation might include programs, playbills, registration documents, photos, etc.)

- Troupe conducts a public Thespian Induction ceremony (3 points)
- Troupe conducts a theatre-related field trip (3 points)
- Troupe conducts a field trip or excursion (1-2 points)
- 5 or more Thespians attend another school/troupe's production (1-2 points)
- Thespian Troupe workshop with a guest artist (2 points)
- Thespian Troupe planned activity (1-2 points)
- Thespian Troupe fundraiser for the troupe or the school's theatre program (2 points)
- Troupe members participate in the Virtual International Thespian Festival (1 point per attendee)
- Participation in the Arkansas Thespians One-Act Competition (3 points)
- State Festival Participation:
 - 1-2 Thespians attend the Fall Planning Meeting [attendance required for Troupe Directors] (2 points)
 - 2 or more Thespians attend the Arkansas State Thespian Festival (4 points)
 - Thespians participate in College and Scholarship Auditions (1 point per student)
 - Student awarded a scholarship (+2 points per student)
 - Troupe entry in Thespys events (1 point per entry)
 - Student runs for STO and is on official ballot (1 point)
 - Student officially elected STO (+2 points)
 - Student elected International Thespian Officer (2 points)
 - Troupe entry in Tech Challenge (3 points per team, max. 2 teams)
 - Troupe has a Playworks entry (3 points per entry)
 - Students attend Leadership Conference at Festival (1 point per student, max. 5)
- New, innovative troupe participation project (1-5 points) [must provide explanation]

IF YOU HAD AN EVENT SCHEDULED THAT WAS CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19 YOU WILL STILL RECEIVE FULL CREDIT FOR THAT EVENT.

Theatre Outreach and Advocacy

Maximum Value 30 points

(Evidence/documentation might include playbills, photos, letters, newspaper articles, etc.)

- Show taken on tour or off campus (3 points) [Cannot count these points or this show elsewhere on application]
- Show produced to address or bring attention to a social issue (3 points)
- A production involves cross-curricular support/participation/collaboration within the school (1-5 points)
- Troupe works with other school program or curriculum to achieve a common goal (1-3 points)
- Create and distribute an original cross-curriculum packet or a study guide for a production (2 points)
- Creates a dramaturgical lobby display for a specific production [Cannot also count as a student-designed technical element] (2 points)
- Hosting a professional tour company (1 point per performance max. 5 points)
- Troupe works with another troupe on a project or activity (2-5 points)
- 3 or more Thespians create and conduct a theatre workshop for younger students (3 points)
- 3 or more Thespians conduct a theatre camp (1 week or longer) for younger children (5 points)
 - Theatre camp culminates with a public performance (+2 points)
- “Theatre In Our Schools” Month project in March (1-3 points)
 - TIOS project is registered with EdTA and show EdTA documents as evidence (+3 points)
- Sponsors or provides outreach and support for a Junior Thespian Troupe (3-5 points)
- Troupe maintains an official social media presence (1 point per platform)
- Troupe designs and acquires an original troupe shirt/paraphernalia for the year (1 point)
- 3 or more Thespians perform in a community theatre production (2 points)
- 2 or more Thespians provide unpaid technical support to another school department, a club, or a community entity (2 points)
- Troupe participates in parade or community event (1 point)
- Thespian graduates wear official EdTA/Thespian identifier (stole, tassel, medallion, collar, cord) at commencement exercises (1 point)
- Troupe makes a theatre advocacy presentation to a civic organization or government body [Must be separate from TIOS project] (2 points)
- Other outreach project (1-5 points)

IF YOU HAD AN EVENT PLANNED THAT WAS CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19 YOU WILL STILL RECEIVE FULL CREDIT FOR THIS EVENT.

120 points possible

Award Levels:

120-88 points - Gold

87-78 points - Silver

77-68 points - Bronze

Additional notes and Guidelines:

- Each portfolio entry should be presented in the portfolio in the order that the items are listed on this Point System and Guidelines document.
- A Google Form will be released in December to record your points; however, points will not be awarded without a portfolio.
- Honor Troupe Recipients will be announced at the Arkansas State Thespian Festival. Each Gold, Silver, and Bronze troupe will receive a plate for their perpetual plaque.
- If you have any questions, please contact Amy Pumphrey at apumphre@fortsmithschools.org.