

Rules for registering for Festival 2012

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1. **IDENTIFICATION:** Your district and troupe number must be on all materials.
2. **REFUNDS: THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS OF ANY KIND.** Consider all of your dates and potential conflicts before you register.
3. **GRADE REQUIREMENT:** All students registering for the Florida State Thespian Festival must have at least a 2.0 Grade Point Average at the time of registration. This grade point average is based on the grading period immediately prior to the date of registration.
4. **PARTICIPATION:** All students who register for the Florida State Thespian Festival **MUST** have participated in their district competition. Participation is defined as performing or presenting an Individual Event or being a member of the cast or crew of a one act play presented at a district festival. Serving as an observer, door-keeper, time-keeper, or conference “helper” does **NOT** qualify a student as a participant. The only exception to this rule will be students who are members of the cast or crew of a Mainstage production **CHOSEN** for the Festival. Any student wishing an exception beyond these guidelines must write to the State Director explaining why an exception should be granted **PRIOR** to the registration deadline. All District Chairpeople are responsible for verifying the participation of each student in their districts.
5. **HEALTH FORMS:** All students must have a Health Form in their registration badge at all time during the Festival. These forms can be found on line with three forms on one page. Duplicate as many as you need, cut them in thirds, ask your students to fill them out with the assistance of their parent or guardian and return them with your registration packet. We will insert the returned forms into each registration badge. Sponsors and chaperones can also become ill. We recommend you and your chaperones carry this form in your registration badge, too. If you wish to carry such information to aid our doctor in treating you, just fill out the forms and send them along to us and we will include them in their badges, too.
6. **SIGNATURE FORM:** The sponsor and principal of each participating school will need to confirm two items:
 - a. All of your registrants must have at least a 2.0 grade point average at the time of registration.
 - b. All performance pieces have been screened by the sponsor and are deemed acceptable by the principal or his/her designee according to your community standards. ***Principals in Dade County are NOT required to approve performance pieces.***
 - c. This form can be found on the website listed as the “Signature Form.”
7. **INDIVIDUAL EVENTS**
 - a. Performance Events
 - i. Each troupe may submit no more than five (5) performance events.
 - ii. All members of all entries are subject to verification by your District Chair.
 - iii. All entries must be the **SAME** as the one presented at the district festival.
 - iv. All performance pieces must have received a Superior rating at the District Festival except one of the five performance slots **MAY** be given to an event that received an **EXCELLENT** at the District level. The total number of performance pieces may not exceed five.
 - v. In group performance events the members of the group **MUST** remain the same at the State Festival as it was at the District Event.

- vi. The only exceptions is if your student(s) have been selected to perform in your District IE Showcase for the opening ceremony, your District Chair will give you the form to fill out and return with your registration packet. PLEASE NOTE: District IE Showcase entrants do not count as one of your five IE selections—it is an extra honor. I will be adjudicated and must follow IE rules.
- b. Tech Events
- i. Each troupe may submit no more than three (3) technical events that received a Superior rating at the district level.
 - ii. Participants are encouraged to refine their designs based on the comments from the district festival, but the selection must remain the same.
 - iii. One of the three performance slots MAY be given to an event that received an EXCELLENT at the district event but the total technical entrants may not exceed three.
 - iv. The only exception is if your student has been selected for the District TECH Showcase. Your District Chair will give you form to fill out and return with your registration packet. PLEASE NOTE: District Tech Showcase entrants do NOT count as one of your three Tech IE selections—it is an extra honor. It will be adjudicated and will need to follow IE rules.
 - v. If your student(s) has/have been selected for the Playwriting Camp, your District Chair will give you the form to fill out and return with your registration packet. PLEASE NOTE: This event does not count as one of your IE selections—it is an extra.

8. CHANGES:

- a. A \$10.00 fee per person/event will be charged to your troupe for any and each change of names, titles, or cancellations of individual events.
- b. A \$50.00 fee per person will be assessed for each dropped scholarship audition.
- c. This is an approved policy of the State Board of Directors to help deter excess cancellations and changes, in short to insure professional discipline. **There will be NO Refunds of any kind.**

9. **PAYMENT:** Payment in full must be included in your registration packet. No cash or purchase orders will be accepted. Registrations without payment will be returned. Your registration is not complete until payment is received.

10. DAY PASSES:

- a. The only person who can purchase day passes is the sponsor of the troupe. The sponsor may purchase Day Passes on only two occasions. The first occasion will be at the time of Registration. The fee must be included in the check. The second time to purchase day passes will be at the registration table on the Wednesday during the Festival
- b. Day passes are to be used by parents and/or guardians to come and support their children perform. NO HIGH SCHOOL AGE STUDENT may enter the festival with a day pass. The only way a high school age student will enter the Festival is by being a fully registered member of an affiliated troupe.
- c. Only those Day Passes pre-purchased with registration will be able to get tickets to see a mainstage show. All mainstage shows will be “sold out” by the time the actual festival begins.
- d. Day passes will take the form of a paper wrist band.