



# Introducing S.A.W

**S.A.W. is a grassroots student-led theatre education advocacy initiative**

- **The mission:** to communicate the value of K-12 theatre education to school, district, state, and national decision makers and others committed to quality education
- **The goal:** theatre education access for every child in America
- **The members:** your fellow ITS Thespians throughout the country
- **The strategy:** spread the word through festival, state conferences, troupes, and social media about S.A.W. and its mission and goal.



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# Becoming S.A.W. certified:

## Commit to

1. **Spreading the word** about the value of theatre education at your school and with community members and with local, district, and state decision makers.
2. **Educating your troupe** and other students about the importance of arts education advocacy.
3. **Participating in a state conference** advocacy session or a regional S.A.W. webinar.
4. **Sharing your advocacy actions** on the ITO Facebook page or in other social media.



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# Your S.A.W. advocacy commitment

- **Start strategizing:** how can you communicate the value of your theatre program to school, district, and state decision makers and others who are committed to education?
- **Tell at least 10 other students** about what you know: the why, how, and what.
- **Find a public way** —improv, flashmob, song, Facebook post, etc—to share the word about the value of theatre education and the need to advocate on it's behalf.
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Want to know how you  
can get S.A.W. involved?

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