

# STATE THESPIAN OFFICER APPLICATION PACKET

**Dear Prospective State Thespian Officers, Parents, and Troupe Directors,**

Please read the following packet thoroughly. It contains important information that will guide you in making the decision to possibly run for a State Thespian Officer position. If you decide that being an STO is for you, this packet also contains the application pages necessary to declare yourself a candidate. Being elected to the State Thespian Board is a tremendous honor and a great responsibility. **STO's must be at all required meetings and are responsible for transportation to and from these meetings, which will be spread throughout the state of Indiana.**

Once you have read through the materials, please complete the necessary questionnaires and short answers. Take note of the pages that must be completed by your Troupe Director and parent/guardian. All pages that you complete should be mailed under the same cover to the Indiana STO Advisor: Grant Steckbeck at 557 Renz Ave. Sellersburg, IN 47172. **All Materials must be postmarked by Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.** **Note that if any required paperwork is missing, a student will not be considered a running candidate.**

Once you have applied, your paperwork will be reviewed by the STO Advisor, Assistant Advisor, and the current Senior State Thespian Officers. While at State Conference, on Friday night, you will meet for an interview session with the other STO candidates, the STO Advisor, and Assistant Advisor, and the current Senior Student Thespian Officers. During this session, questions will be asked of all the candidates. Many of the STO's will also be mingling with candidates all weekend. On Saturday during lunch, there will be an STO meeting. Everyone will simply meet up to eat lunch together and mingle. On Friday and Saturday, the Advisors and Student Board will be looking for STO candidates that display---enthusiasm, a willingness to work with others, strong communication skills, respect, kindness and friendliness toward others, initiative, a passion for the Indiana Thespian organization, and exhibit a dedicated nature.

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We are very excited that you are interested in applying for a State Student Officer Position! If you have any questions about the application or interview process, please feel free to contact: Grant Steckbeck at [gsteckbeck@wclark.k12.in.us](mailto:gsteckbeck@wclark.k12.in.us) or Beth Edmondson at [bethedmondson@evdio.org](mailto:bethedmondson@evdio.org)

## Student Thespian Officer Duties:

1. STO members must attend all STO planning meetings, the Indiana Leadership Conference, Regional Conferences, and the State Conference. Attendance is mandatory. No more than one absence, excused in advance by the STO Advisor or State Director is permitted. Failure to attend will be treated as a resignation. When possible, attendance to the International Thespian Festival is recommended.
2. STO members must secure their own transportation to and from all of the STO events listed in Duty #1. STO members must understand that these events occur all over the state of Indiana.
3. STO members must actively solicit individual troupe involvement in Regional, State, and International Thespian activities. STO members must address individual troupe concerns through appropriate legislation in conjunction with the State Director and STO Advisor.
4. STO members must advise the State Director and STO Advisor about student concerns and seek input in our State organization.
5. STO members must prepare and present an informative, helpful and well thought out leadership workshop for the Leadership Conference.
6. STO members must generate and conduct student activities for State Conference.
7. STO members must work with the Adult Executive Board to award the All Star Awards for plays at the Regional Conferences.
8. STO members must fulfill all State Conference responsibilities.
9. STO members must serve their term beginning at the Spring AEB/STO required meeting and end one year later at the conclusion of the International Thespian Festival.
10. STO members serve one term after being elected; however, STO members who begin on the board as juniors are allowed to apply to serve a second term their senior year. They will have to undergo the application/interview process, the same as new applicants, in order to secure a second term.

### Student Thespian Officer Board:

1. Whenever possible, the STO board will consist of eight to ten Thespians, elected by the current (senior) members of the STO board, the STO Advisor and Assistant Advisor, the State Director, and other AEB members.
2. Each school may send up to 3 STO candidates.
3. STO candidates and electors will meet together many times during the State Conference. Therefore, it is mandatory for applicants to attend the State Conference.
4. The election results will be announced on Sunday during the State Conference.

### Basic Student Executive Board Yearly Calendar:

Spring/Summer AEB/STO Meeting (Saturday in April/May usually)

Summer AEB/STO Meeting (Saturday in August usually)

Leadership Conference (Saturday in September)

Regional Conferences (usually 3-4 Saturdays in October/November or December, with the exception of Thanksgiving weekend)

State Conference (Friday-Sunday in January)

Summer AEB/STO Meeting (Saturday in May/June usually)

(Other select meetings will be added according to need. If additional meetings are needed in order to plan for the State Conference, they will be added. Members are also strongly encouraged to attend the International Thespian Festival in Lincoln, Nebraska for a week in June.)

Note: The Spring Board meeting is the first required meeting for the new STO members, and the last meeting for the previous year's STO members. Both will be in attendance since training of the new STO members will need to take place.

## Application Materials:

Before you proceed, make sure that you talk with you parents and Troupe Director. Make sure that you have their support because you'll need it!

1. Take some time to think about the questions put forth in this packet. Some of them require signatures and/or initialing by your parents/guardian and Troupe Director. Don't overlook this aspect. Incomplete forms will not be accepted.

2. Complete all the candidate forms and mail, **with a theatrical resume**, to:

Grant Steckbeck  
557 Renz Ave.  
Sellersburg, IN 47172

All forms must be postmarked by Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.

3. Give your Troupe Director the appropriate forms and evaluations with a stamped, addressed envelope. Your Troupe Director will need to complete the forms and use the envelope to mail them to the STO Advisor at the address above. These forms are confidential and you should not view them. Be sure to allow your Troupe Director enough time to thoughtfully complete the forms.
4. During State Conference weekend, you will be required to attend Friday night's STO candidate interview session and Saturday's STO candidate luncheon.
5. Go through the checklist to make sure that you have not forgotten anything:

- ☐ I've read the entire packet.
- ☐ I've filled out my portion of the application and had my parent/guardian and Troupe Director initial and sign where needed.
- ☐ I've mailed my forms with a copy of my resume.
- ☐ I've given my Troupe Director the Troupe Director forms, with a stamped envelope.
- ☐ I'm planning to attend both the Friday night STO interview and the Saturday luncheon.

\*A confirmation e-mail will be sent to you in January after your application has been received.

# State Thespian Officer Application

-Please print legibly-

Name\_\_\_\_\_ School\_\_\_\_\_

Troupe #\_\_\_\_\_ Grade\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_ Zip\_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address\_\_\_\_\_

Troupe Director's name\_\_\_\_\_

Troupe Director's e-mail\_\_\_\_\_

I have read through this packet and understand the commitment that I am making by becoming an STO candidate. Please initial each statement and have your Troupe Director and a parent/guardian initial in the proper place.

I understand that my attendance is required at all meetings as listed in this packet.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Troupe Director

I understand that I will be responsible for my own transportation to and from meetings.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Troupe Director

I understand that if elected, I will need to serve to the best of my ability, completing all assignments and working to represent the Indiana Thespian organization as a model Thespian.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Troupe Director

Signed Candidate\_\_\_\_\_

Signed Troupe Director\_\_\_\_\_

Signed Parent/Guardian\_\_\_\_\_

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## For Your Troupe Director

Please mail by December 15<sup>th</sup> under separate cover to:  
Grant Steckbeck at 557 Renz Ave. Sellersburg, IN 47172

Please rate the STO candidate. Circle from 1-5 using the following scale:

1= completely agree    2= mostly agree    3= somewhat agree    4= somewhat disagree  
5= disagree    NK= no knowledge

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

- 1 2 3 4 5 NK    This student is self motivated.
- 1 2 3 4 5 NK    This student sees a project through until the end.
- 1 2 3 4 5 NK    This student has excellent written and oral communication skills.
- 1 2 3 4 5 NK    This student likes to be the center of attention.
- 1 2 3 4 5 NK    This student works well in a group.
- 1 2 3 4 5 NK    This student motivates others.
- 1 2 3 4 5 NK    This student demonstrates strong leadership skills.
- 1 2 3 4 5 NK    This student demonstrates above average responsibility.
- 1 2 3 4 5 NK    This student displays a high degree of integrity.
- 1 2 3 4 5 NK    This student makes friends easily.
- 1 2 3 4 5 NK    This student has had successful leadership experiences.
- 1 2 3 4 5 NK    This student is well-respected by his/her peers.
- 1 2 3 4 5 NK    This student is well-respected by his/her teachers.
- 1 2 3 4 5 NK    This student would have no problems attending meetings.
- 1 2 3 4 5 NK    This student works well under pressure.
- 1 2 3 4 5 NK    I recommend this student as a State Thespian Officer candidate.

## For Your Troupe Director

Please mail by December 15<sup>th</sup> under separate cover, with the rating page, to:  
Grant Steckbeck at 557 Renz Ave. Sellersburg, IN 47172

Candidate Name\_\_\_\_\_School\_\_\_\_\_

Please tell us about the strengths that this student possesses that would make him/her an ideal STO.

Please tell us about any weaknesses that this student possesses.

Why are you endorsing this student as a State Thespian Officer?

**For the State Thespian Officer Candidate**  
Please complete the following form to the best of your ability.

Candidate Name\_\_\_\_\_School\_\_\_\_\_

What motivated you to pursue a position of leadership on the STO board?

What qualities do you think make a person a good leader?

What are your strengths and weaknesses in terms of your own leadership skills?



## For the State Thespian Officer Candidate

Candidate\_\_\_\_\_School\_\_\_\_\_

Please rate yourself. Be honest. Circle from 1-5 using the following scale:

1= completely agree    2= mostly agree    3= somewhat agree    4= somewhat disagree  
5= disagree

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|-------------------|--|
| 1   2   3   4   5 | I am self-motivated.   |
| 1   2   3   4   5 | I always see a project through until the end.                    |
| 1   2   3   4   5 | I have excellent written and oral communication skills.          |
| 1   2   3   4   5 | I like to be the center of attention.                            |
| 1   2   3   4   5 | I feel I work well in a group.                                   |
| 1   2   3   4   5 | I feel that I motivate others.                                   |
| 1   2   3   4   5 | I have had many leadership opportunities.                        |
| 1   2   3   4   5 | My teachers consider me a responsible student.                   |
| 1   2   3   4   5 | Integrity and honesty are very important to me.                  |
| 1   2   3   4   5 | I usually don't have any problems making friends.                |
| 1   2   3   4   5 | I like being challenged.   |
| 1   2   3   4   5 | I am not afraid of hard work.                                    |
| 1   2   3   4   5 | I would have no problem attending meetings.                      |
| 1   2   3   4   5 | I feel that I work well under pressure.                          |
| 1   2   3   4   5 | I have a variety of skills that would make me a good STO.        |
| 1   2   3   4   5 | I am a dedicated person who takes my responsibilities seriously. |

**For the State Thespian Officer Candidate**  
Please complete the following to the best of your ability.

Candidate \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

What specific skills do you have that would be beneficial to the STO board?

If you are elected to the STO board, what ideas do you have to improve/strengthen our Indiana Thespian organization, conferences and/or events?