TEXAS THESPIANS
JUNIOR FESTIVAL

North Texas
October 17, 2026
The OC (Forney)

South Texas
December 12, 2026
Seven Lakes HS (Katy)

Central Texas
Feb 20, 2027
McCallum Fine Arts Academy (Austin)

Registration Packet

Student/Parent Information Packet Checklist:

- ☐ Why attend a Junior Festival?
- ☐ SmartWaiver Information
- ☐ Complete Student Registration Worksheet (Troupe Director Keeps)
- ☐ Complete Thespy Registration Worksheet (Troupe Director Keeps)
- ☐ Read Festival Rules
- ☐ Return with payment to your director by deadline below

Packet Due by _____

Payment Due by _____

The Texas Junior Thespians Festival prepares middle school students for high school theatre—and beyond!

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For Middle School Theatre Students (Grades 6–8)

Get ready for a day that transforms passion into performance, curiosity into confidence, and students into theatre leaders!

WHY THIS FESTIVAL MATTERS

- **A Launchpad to Excellence**
  Receive professional feedback, compete in Thespy events!
- **Hands-On Learning**
  Dive into technical theatre challenges, design projects, and more
- **Safe Space to Experiment**
  Perform in judged events — low pressure, encouraging feedback
- **Teamwork & Growth**
  From production crews to acting ensembles, students learn to collaborate, self-evaluate, and process feedback
- **Bridge to High School Theatre**
  Build a foundation of skills, confidence, and vision for what's next
- **Network & Inspire**
  Meet theatre peers, connect with directors, and spark mentorship relationships across Texas.
- **Accessible & Inclusive**
  No Thespian charter required — any 6th–8th grade theatre program in Texas can join.

THREE REGIONAL LOCATIONS

North - October 17, 2026
The OC - Forney, Texas
Registration Deadline:
October 9, 2026

South - Dec.12, 2026
Seven Lakes High School
Registration Deadline:
December 4, 2026

Central - Feb. 20, 2027
McCallum Fine Arts Academy (Austin)
Registration Deadline:
February 12, 2027

Registration: $60 per attendee
Performance/Thespy Events: $20 per entry
Design Events: $5 per participant

Grants available for first-time attendees and troupes

THESPIAN

TEA CPE Provider #902-342

FOR MORE INFO
www.texasthespians.org

BRING YOUR STUDENTS & YOUR SPIRIT!

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Smart Waiver Information

Texas Thespian Cosent Forms have gone online this year using Smart Waiver!

Smart Waiver Process

- ☐ Once a student is registered for festival, Troupe Directors will share the Smart Waiver link with the parents of their delegates.
- ☐ Each delegate will be assigned a random number at registration. This number must also be shared with parents of delegates.
- ☐ Parents will then visit the link provided and fill out the Waiver form for the event. NEW: Each Texas Thespians event will have its own consent form. You should use the link provided by your Troupe Director for that event.
- ☐ Parents of multiple Thespians can do one waiver form for multiple children.

Thespian Festival Registration Worksheet

Return to your Troupe Director who will use this sheet to register you online. DO NOT MAIL THESE TO TEXAS THESPIANS.

Festival Attendees/Delegates- Fill out and return to your director by _____

Director's Name _____ Troupe # _____

Student Name _____ Badge Name _____ Cell # _____

Email _____ Grade Level _____

ADA Requests/ Special Needs? _____

Parent Name _____ Cell # _____

Medicines to be dispensed while on the trip? ___ YES ___ NO Wheelchair Accessible ___ YES ___ NO

COMPETITIONS & ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION

Thespys -National Qualifying Events

Schools may enter 10 National Performance and Technical I.E. Events - ***National Short Film & Playwriting are unlimited.***
Students may ***not*** *be cross-entered in more than ONE Thespy National Qualifying Event*

- ☐ Monologue- $20.00
- ☐ Duet Acting - $20.00 per person
- ☐ Group Acting - $20.00 per person
- ☐ Solo Musical- $20.00
- ☐ Duet Musical- $20.00 per person
- ☐ Group Musical- $20.00 per person
- ☐ Solo MT Dance- $20.00
- ☐ Duet MT Dance- $20.00 per person
- ☐ Group MT Dance- $20.00 per person
- ☐ Costume Construction- $20.00
- ☐ Costume Design- $20.00
- ☐ Lighting Design- $20.00
- ☐ Makeup/Hair Design- $20.00
- ☐ Playwriting- $20.00
- ☐ Prop Design - $20.00
- ☐ Scenic Design- $20.00
- ☐ Short Film- $20.00 per person
- ☐ Sound Design- $20.00
- ☐ Stage Management- $20.00
- ☐ Theatre Marketing- $20.00

Texas Only Events

Students may participate in National and Texas Events. See below for troupe entry limits.

Texas Challenges

- ☐ Lip Sync Challenge (solo, duet, group)- $5 per person
- ☐ Reader's Theater (team of 2-12) - $5 per person
- ☐ Thespians Open Mic - $5 per person
- ☐ Tech Team Relay (team of 2-6) - $5 per person
- ☐ Team Dramatic Design Challenge (team of 1-4) - $5 per person

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Festival Fees- Workshops and lunch included (**$60 per registrant**) **$**_____

Competition and Additional Registration Fees- Total of any item(s) checked above **$**_____

Travel Expenses - Each troupe will have a different amount - Troupe directors fill this in. **$**_____

TOTAL DUE $_____

FOR DIRECTOR USE

Name on Check _____ Check # _____ Amount $ _____

Cash Payment ☐ Amount $ _____ Payment Date _____

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Return to your Troupe Director who will use this sheet to register your contests in Submittable.
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Festival Attendees/Delegates- Fill out and return to your director by _____

Thespys -National Qualifying Events

Each entry only needs ONE form filled out. For example, a Group Musical only needs ONE FORM for the whole group musical.

- ☐ Contrasting Monologue - $20.00
- ☐ Monologue- $20.00
- ☐ Duet Acting - $20.00 per person
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- ☐ Theatre Marketing- $20.00

Student's First Name _____ Student's Last Name _____

Unique Registration Number _____

Duet Partner (if solo, leave blank)_____

Group Members (if solo, leave blank) ____ _____

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School Name _____ Troupe # _____

Troupe Director's Name _____

Troupe Director's E-Mail _____

Play or Musical Title _____

Playwright/Lyricist _____

Publisher _____

For Playwriting, fill out these additional sections:*

Student's E-Mail Address_____

Script of TItle_____

For Short Film, fill out these additional sections:*

Student's E-Mail Address_____

Script of Short Film TItle_____

Type of Short Film: ☐ Documentary ☐ Live Action ☐ Animation

***For these categories, work with your director to give them the documents that will need to be submitted!**

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Session Title	Time Start	Time End
Festival Check-In and Arrival	7:30 AM	8:15 AM
Opening Ceremonies	8:30 AM	8:50 AM
Session 1: Tech Playland Intensive (for Tech Challenge Competitors), Workshops	9:00 AM	9:50 AM
Session 2: Tech Playland, Thespys, Workshops	10:00 AM	10:50 AM
Session 3: Tech Playland,Thespys, Workshops	11:00 AM	11:50 AM
Lunch 1 *or* STO Playland or Tech Challenge	12:00 PM	12:30 PM
Lunch 2 *or* STO Playland or Tech Challenge	12:40 PM	1:10 PM
Lunch 3 *or* STO Playland or Tech Challenge	1:20 PM	1:50 PM
Session 4: Thespys, Workshops, Open Mic	2:00 PM	2:50 PM
Session 5: Workshops, Improv, Closing Ceremonies Rehearsal	3:00 PM	3:50 PM
Design Pick Up, Clean-Up	3:30 PM	3:45 PM
Closing and Award ceremony	4:00 PM	4:30 PM

This schedule is tentative. Final schedule will be sent with registration info!