



# WASHINGTON STATE THESPIANS<sup>SM</sup>

AN EDUCATIONAL THEATRE ASSOCIATION AFFILIATE

## December 2022 Newsletter

Hello colleagues and friends,

This is the month to register your students for THESPYS! It is a complex process, so please start early and explore the system. Make sure you give yourself enough time to work out potential questions.

In order to support your process, we will have a Zoom session open for drop-in registration questions on both Monday and Tuesday evening, December 12 & 13 from 7 - 8 p.m.

[ZOOM LINK](#)

Over the next two weeks, I'll be addressing Frequently Asked Questions on this [Google Document](#) - I will also include videos that may be helpful along the way.

We look forward to including your students in this fantastic event! There is more Thespy information below in the newsletter.

### **STO (State Thespian Officer) News**

**Meet our new STO:** <https://www.wathespians.org/state-thespian-officers>

***Please share this section with your students!***

*As the holiday season is coming to its peak and the new year is just around the corner, we want to remind you on a few important dates and information.*

*As you know Thespys are coming up and we want to remind you on the dates and deadlines. Registration for your students are due on **December 14th**. We want to make sure everyone has the chance to be registered for the regional Thespys. For the Northwest region the event will be held at Nathan Hale Highschool on January 21st, for Southwest it will be held at Capital Highschool on January 14th, and last but not least... **EAST!** Will be held at Lewis and Clark Highschool on January 14th. We hope to see you there!*

*We also wanted to remind you about the submissions for our state festival t-shirt contest! We want to see the amazing creativity of our fellow Thespians. Make sure to tell your artists that it must be digitally drawn, and you can find other criteria on the link tree in the Washington Thespians Instagram, @washingtonthespians, bio. The link to the submission form will be attached below.*

- **Design Submission Forms - State Themed Art Contest**

*We want to wish you all a happy holiday and a joyous new year. So excited to see you all soon!*

*Sincerely,*

*Your Washington STO's*

## **SCHOLARSHIPS: *Please share with your students***

Applications for the 2023 Washington Thespians Scholarships are now open.

**Graduating seniors, only**, are encouraged to apply. Four \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded at the State Festival in March.

Two Dana Brown scholarships, the Petra Karr Leadership scholarship, and the Chris Karr Technical Theatre scholarship. [HERE](#) is a direct link to the scholarship application. Additional information can be found on the [Washington Thespians](#) website.

## **THESPYS**

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN: This is a three step process...**

STEP 1: Register your troupe in your "edta account" at [schooltheatre.org](https://schooltheatre.org) by December 14. Here is a [document with step-by-step instructions](#).

STEP 2 *new!*: Check your attendees in to your specific region event by December 14 at [www.wathespians.org/thespys](https://www.wathespians.org/thespys). Scroll mid-way down the page and look for the Step 2 icon indicating which link you'll need depending on the event you are attending.

STEP 3: Have your students prepare and re-read their event rules and rubrics at <https://thespys.secure-platform.com/a/>

Please remember our earlier deadline (December 14) for registration for Thespys. This includes FILM, PLAYWRITING, and DIRECTING. Students will need to upload their completed projects by **December 14th**.

Follow this link to find all the information for Thespys: [INFO](#)

Changes for this year...

**Playwriting Rules - Updated**

**Musical Theatre DANCE added- Solo, Duet, and Group options.**

**Directing - WA State is one of 6 states Beta Testing this new Thespy. You won't find this information on the Thespys site, you'll need to go to the WA Thespian site; we've also linked the information below:**

- [Category Rules](#)
- [Rubric](#)

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS for 2022-2023**

We have created a Google Calendar of all our meetings, events, and deadlines. Feel free to add this to your own Google Calendar.

[WA STATE THESPIANS CALENDAR](#)

Dec 14, 2022 - Thespy Registration DUE\*  
Jan 14, 2023 - Regional Thespy SW & East  
Jan 21, 2023 - Regional Thespy NW  
Feb 2, 2023 - State Festival Registration DUE  
Mar 17 - 18, 2023 - State Thespian Festival  
June 19 - 23, 2023 - ITF: International Thespian Festival

## **HELPFUL Guide to plan your year:**

Here is a checklist created by Greg Pschirrer to help you stay organized throughout the year: [2022-2023 Thespian Event Checklist](#)

## **VISIT OUR WEBSITE!**

Our fantastic board member, Bryan Sullivan continues to maintain our website to be user friendly. You can find an abundance of information by visiting: <https://www.wathespians.org/>

## **WANT TO BE A PART OF THIS TEAM?**

If you are interested in joining our State Thespian Board, you can apply to be a part of the Working Board, supporting our efforts and events! [APPLY HERE](#)

QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

"Knowledge is of no value unless you put it into practice."  
Anton Chekhov

Sincerely,

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