



## **State Thespian Officers**

- California State Thespian Officers are elected at Festival to one-year terms.
- Each troupe may nominate up to two active members of the Thespian Society to run for office with the recommendation of the Troupe Director.
- Candidates must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or greater and have attended California State Thespian One Day Leadership or a Student Activities' state leadership training.
- If the student is elected, the Troupe Director does not automatically become a member of the State Board. They are required to attend ALL board meetings with the newly elected officer.
- Serving on the State Board requires a substantial time commitment and may involve some expense to the student, Director or troupe. (Airfare for meetings and Board Specific Events would be covered.)
- Candidates and their sponsors are required to help out during the Festival to gain experience for the subsequent Festival they will help plan.
- Student Thespian Officer positions consist of a President, Vice President, Secretaries, Treasurer, Central Representative, Northern Representative, Southern Representatives, Newsletter Editor, Historian, and Junior Troupe Liaison.
- All candidates will run as members-at-large. Specific positions will be decided by a consensus of the newly-elected Student State Board. Additional candidates may be appointed after ballot tabulation and inducted at Festival with other incoming board members.

### **Student will:**

- Attend the August, September, January, March and April general State Board meetings. (Meetings are often held in conjunction with other Board activities.)
- Assist in establishing state policies.
- Attend State Thespian Officer Training.
- Contribute news and articles for the California State Thespian on-line newsletter.
- Assure successful regional representation.
- Encourage affiliation among nonaffiliated high schools, middle schools and junior high schools.
- Travel alone to and from CST events-which may include a flight.

### **DUTIES OF STUDENT STATE BOARD MEMBER AND SPONSOR**

- Plan, coordinate, and preside at the California State Thespian Festival.
- Attend and lead Southern and/or Northern One Day Leadership [end of September, beginning of October], the California State Thespian Festival and all planning and evaluation meetings for each.
- Maintain a log of work done during term in office.
- Serve in other ways to further California State Thespians
- Serve in one of the following roles: President, Vice President, Secretaries, Treasurer, Central Representative, Northern Representative, Southern Representatives, Newsletter Editor, Historian, and Junior Troupe Liaison. All candidates will run as members-at-large. Specific positions to be decided by a consensus at a later date.

# STATE STUDENT BOARD APPLICATION

Each candidate must submit a completed application, which includes the following:

## Student Officer Application

Completed Troupe Director recommendation section of the application. (A troupe or Director should, prior to Festival, revoke the nomination of any candidate who demonstrates a decline in commitment to Thespians or a change in behavior or attitude.)

- Letter of recommendation from an employer or a teacher other than the Troupe Director
- 200-300 word typed essay explaining the candidate's qualifications
- Copy of the exact text of the candidate's speech, approved and signed by the candidate's Director
- Headshot photo, at least 2 1/4" x 3".

## CANDIDATE SPEECH

The election speeches will be given at Festival and must be the same speech submitted with the candidate's application.

Speeches have a time limit of one and one-half minutes.

No visual aids may be used with the speech. Candidates are encouraged to be creative, but "novelty" speeches are discouraged. Speeches should feature qualifications (leadership experience, troupe responsibilities, and personal qualities) and reasons for seeking the position. Candidates must deliver the pre-approved speech and may not ad-lib. Directors should rehearse candidates prior to Festival. Candidates should also be prepared to answer questions at the Student Representative Meeting.

## CANDIDATE POSTER

All candidates should bring a poster to be displayed at Festival. The poster should be no larger than 11" x 17" and contain a headshot of the candidate no smaller than 5" x 7". The rest of the poster may be decorated, in good taste, to highlight the candidate's qualifications and may include the application essay.

The State Board has the right to decline displaying any poster not in good taste or not in compliance with these guidelines.

**Mail the Student Officer Application, photo, letter of recommendation, essay and speech on or before FEBRUARY 1st to  
CA State Thespians**

State Thespian Officer Application  
2058 N Mills Ave #650  
Claremont, CA 91711



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**CALIFORNIA STATE THESPIAN BOARD  
STUDENT OFFICER APPLICATION**  
TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY IN BLACK INK MAIL SEPARATELY

APPLICANT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS OF \_\_\_\_\_ TROUPE # \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ CA ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

HIGH SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ CA ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL FAX \_\_\_\_\_

TROUPE DIRECTOR'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PRINCIPAL'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DIRECTOR'S HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ CA ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_ HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

THESPIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE(S) ATTENDED AND DATES: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and understand the criteria for election of students to the California State Thespians Board. Furthermore, I understand that I can be disqualified from running or later removed from office for failure to meet required obligations or for lack of troupe support.

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**TROUPE DIRECTOR:** I approve the nomination of this student for the above office and verify that this Thespians is a member in good standing with the International Thespians Society, and **I agree to attend all meetings and activities with this student and serve on the California State Board**

TROUPE DIRECTOR SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT OR GUARDIAN:** I approve of and support my son/daughter running for the above office and understand the obligations involved. I realize that I may occasionally need to provide transportation to meetings and/or events.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHOOL COUNSELOR:** I verify that this student has a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or greater.

COUNSELOR'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail the California State Thespians Board Student Officer Application, letter of recommendation, essay, text of speech, and photo ON or BEFORE February 1st to California State Thespians Director 2058 N Mills Ave #650 Claremont, CA 91711**