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Thespians CA Youth in Theatre (CYIT) Student Essay Competition

In order to promote the importance of Theatre Education in California schools, the CA State Thespians Board invites a current CA Thespians to submit an essay. The winning essayist will be invited to attend and read his/her essay at the 20th Annual CA Youth in Theatre (CYIT) Day in Sacramento, March 14, 2017. Completed essay due **January 15, 2017**.

This contest is in alliance with
CA Educational Theatre Association (CETA) CA Youth in Theatre Day (CYIT).

Submission Guidelines

Submit directly to gai.jones@sbcglobal.net and gaijones@ix.netcom.com
on or before January 15, 2017.

The CA State Thespians Board will choose one essay winner based on the prompt, "Why Theatre Arts Education Is Important to America's Future."

Eligibility: Any inducted members of the Thespians Society (by October 1, 2016) who are enrolled in middle and high school during the 2016-2017 school year may submit an essay. The Thespians Director must be a current paid member of CETA. The Thespians Director must join CETA at www.cetoweb.org by **January 10, 2017**, in order for the student to be selected. Important: if the Thespians's essay is chosen, he/she and his/her Thespians Director must be available to attend CA Youth in Theatre Day (CYIT) in Sacramento, CA on **March 14, 2017**, from 7:30AM-5:00PM. No unsupervised student may attend this event. In order for the essay winner to receive the honorarium, an accountability report of the Thespians's meeting with his/her meeting with legislator must be submitted by April 1, 2017.

Prize: CA State Thespians will pay the \$30.00 CYIT registration fee for both the winning student and his/her Thespians Director, as well as a maximum of \$125.00 towards the cost of transportation for the winner and his/her Thespians Director. The winner is responsible for any remaining costs of attendance. If an adult who is not the Thespians Director supervises the student, the adult must pay his/her own \$30.00 registration and registration.

Receipts for transportation must be submitted to the CA State Board Treasurer by **April 1, 2017**, for reimbursement. No reimbursement will be dispersed without submitted receipts and student's accountability report.

Essay guidelines: Students are encouraged to consider how his/her own Theatre Arts education experience has made a difference in his/her life, and why the student thinks continued legislative and financial support for K-12 Theatre Arts education is an important to America's future.

Submission procedures: Each Thespians must submit the application page, signed by parent and Thespians Director, and the essay, which must adhere to all guidelines. All essays must be between 300-500 words, based on the above prompt, and be submitted electronically by **January 15, 2017**. Essays should be double-spaced, in 12 point font, using Word software (or a comparable word-processing program). On the top right side of every page, include the following information: the Thespians' name; full mailing address; telephone number; e-mail address; Thespians troupe number; the name of the Thespians's school; the name and cell phone number of the Troupe director; and the words "CA State Thespians CYIT Essay Contest Submission."

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before January 15, 2017

All participants will be contacted by e-mail after the essay review process is completed approximately January 20, 2017.

The prizewinner, and his/her adult supervisor must complete the CYIT Thespian Essay acceptance forms by **February 1, 2017**. Upon notification that the Thespian CYIT Essay Scholarship is received by the prize-winning Thespian and Thespian Director, more information will be sent on how to register for the 20th CYIT.

Deadline: Application form and essay must be received via e-mail by **January 15, 2017**.

Rights: The student's essay is protected by copyright from the moment it is created. By submitting to the CA State Thespian Board, the Thespian agrees to allow CA State Thespians and CA Educational Theatre Association (CETA) to publish the essay in their publications. All other rights remain the property of the writer.

*If the Thespian is awarded the CYIT Thespian Essay Scholarship and does not register or attend the 20th CYIT, his/her school will be invoiced and his/her troupe will not be available for any CYIT scholarship in the next year.

Theatre Arts Education Student Essay Competition Submission Cover Sheet

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION. – ALL FIELDS REQUIRED

Name of Essayist: ; _____

Essayist's Home Address: _____

Essayist's Home City: _____ Zip: _____

Essayist's Home Phone: (_____) _____

Essayist's Email: ; _____

Parent/Guardian's Email: ; _____

*Name of Local Newspaper: _____

*Email of Local Newspaper for article/picture submissions (not website): _____

*Name of **CA state** senator as of Jan.2016 (Go to <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/yourleg.html> to locate): _____

*Name of **CA state** assembly person as of Jan. 2016 _____

Thespian Troupe Director's Name: ; _____

Thespian Troupe Director's Email: ; _____

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Permission to Attend

Student _____ has my permission to attend the 20th Annual CYIT Day on
March 14, 2017 from 7:30 am-5 pm in Sacramento.

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____
(*Electronic signature is accepted.*)

Supervision of Student

Either the parent/guardian (name of parent/guardian) _____ or
Thespian Director (name of Thespian Director) _____ the 20th
Annual CYIT Day on March 14, 2017, from 7:30 am-5 pm in Sacramento.

There are no unsupervised students in attendance at CYIT.

Thespian Director's Verification of Student's Current Thespian Membership

I verify that (name of student) _____

Is a current paid member of Thespian Troupe # _____

I verify that our troupe # _____ is a current paid 2016-2017 EdTA member.

This student was initiated on (month/year) _____

Thespian Director's Signature: _____

(*Electronic signature is accepted.*)