

OAP STATE MEET STUDENT HONOR CREW

The OAP Honor Crew was initiated in 1977 when the State Office invited Austin ISD high school theatre arts students to serve on the State Meet One-Act Play Contest production staff. For several years, we experimented with students from ten Austin area school districts. In 1982, this highly successful program was made available to students from all UIL member high schools and students from twenty-four districts were chosen in the first competitive process.

Please find enclosed the nomination form for an outstanding technical theatre student from your high school. You may nominate no more than *two* students who are **sophomores or juniors**. Freshman & Seniors are NOT eligible. Students selected will serve as members of the 88th State One-Act Play Contest production staff. The State Meet One-Act Play Contest is May 26-28 this year. Nominations should be based on academic and production excellence in your theatre arts program.

Since our motivation is extension teaching as well as recognition, special emphasis will be given to **junior** students. It is required that students be nominated by the high school principal or superintendent, be recommended by their UIL OAP director AND have one additional teacher (or adult) recommendation.

Students nominated must be academically capable and eligible. It will be necessary for those selected to be in Austin from Monday late afternoon, May 25, through Thursday evening, May 28. Exceptions will not be approved. The *school* must see that housing and transportation are provided.

A maximum of 50 honor crew members will be selected. Every effort will be made to select members from all regions and all conferences. Priority will be given to **junior students** who have served on UIL crews and have other background in technical theatre.

Students selected as Honor Members of the State Meet OAP staff will be involved in a learning experience otherwise available only to State Meet participants. They will be prepared for their responsibilities by the State Meet staff and crews. In order to provide the best learning experience, the students selected must be allowed to participate fully in production operations for the complete State Meet. **Students who cannot fully participate shall not be recommended.** Students certain to be involved in UIL State Meet activities should not be recommended and those selected prior to regional meets that become State Meet participants must be withdrawn. Extra students and sponsors **cannot** be accommodated.

Orientation for honor crew will begin at 4:30 pm, May 25. Preparation and production activities are scheduled from 6:30 am to 11:30 pm for each day of the State Meet. Student schedules will be set to allow for seeing some performances, but the schedule will be demanding. It is not always possible to accommodate schedules of those sponsors involved in other activities, especially judging debate.

This experience for outstanding theatre arts students has provided enrichment for the entire school program for those participating. The League has received few negative evaluations from students, teachers, or administrators involved in its 30+ year history. This invitation from the League to recognize outstanding technical theatre students as part of our State Meet production activities is issued after careful evaluation of past years and consultation with teachers and many administrators. All feel this recognition is a deserving addition to the Texas secondary theatre arts program.

Nominations for State Meet OAP Honor Crew must be postmarked no later than April 25. Final selection will be made and notification sent by FAX, e-mail or US mail to teachers and students by May 5. Telephone notification will be made where necessary. Students from schools qualifying for the State Meet OAP contest or other UIL events must be withdrawn from the Honor Crew by immediately notifying the State Drama Director. **Students or directors** withdrawing from the Honor Crew without just cause (illness, disaster, or acts of nature) will render students from their school ineligible for nomination for a period of not less than two years. **It is essential that administrators, teachers, parents, and students be committed prior to nomination.** Theatre directors will be assigned to participate as a member of the House Staff. Administrators are encouraged to allow teachers this opportunity to learn by being involved in State Meet OAP operations. **Theatre director participation is required** for student nomination and their name(s) on the application indicates agreement to participate.

Each school may nominate no more than two students. Two schools in the same district or adjacent school districts may join together to nominate students to facilitate housing and transportation.

Final selection of the Honor Crew will be made by the State Meet OAP senior staff in consultation with the State Theatre Director. Early applications will be carefully considered. Honor Crew members are seldom chosen from the same school two consecutive years.

PLEASE REVIEW and attach a signed copy of this page to the application.

Signature of PRINCIPAL or SUPERINTENDENT ***required.***

**NOTE TRANSCRIPT REQUIREMENT ON APPLICATION.
THIS TRANSCRIPT MUST INCLUDE GRADES FOR THE FALL SEMESTER.**

HONOR CREW APPLICATION - STATE MEET ONE-ACT PLAY CONTEST

Your School's Conference _____

Important: *No application will be accepted without parental and administrative approval. It will be necessary for crew members to miss school Monday-Thursday to participate.

(Please type or print. This form should be duplicated for a second application.)

Full Name (Mr.) (Miss) _____
(first) (middle) (last)

Permanent Address _____
(street) (city/state/zip)

E-mail Address _____

Phone () _____ Birthdate _____ Date of Graduation _____

Name of high school _____ Theatre Phone () _____

Address of high school _____ FAX () _____
(street) (city/state/zip)

Class Rank _____ No. In Class _____ GPA _____ College Entrance/
SAT or ACT Test Score _____

A CURRENT TRANSCRIPT MUST ACCOMPANY APPLICATION.

Theatre director _____ Home Phone () _____ E-mail: _____

(Recommendation letter from Theatre Director must accompany application, as well as director's projected schedule while at State Meet, including other UIL events at which the teacher's presence is required.)

What crew would you prefer to work on? (circle one or more) *Stage/props Crew Electrics Crew Host/ Caller*

What is your T-shirt size? *S M L XL XXL XXXL Stage Management Sound Crew Photography Crew Theatrical Design*

1. List previous theatre activities (names of plays, roles played, technical work, honors received, etc. (Attach sheet if necessary.)

2. Please include a letter explaining why you would like to participate in this program and what you hope to gain from the experience.

3. List one teacher (or adult) reference (other than relatives or theatre teacher). **Reference letter must accompany application.**

Name _____ Phone () _____

_____ (street) _____ (city/state/zip)

PARENT OR GUARDIAN APPROVAL: I agree to State Meet OAP Honor Crew participation as per the information provided with this application.

*Parent or Guardian Signature _____ E-mail: _____

(Please type or print parent or guardian name in full) _____

Address (street) _____

(city/state/zip) _____

Phone () _____ () _____

(Day)

(Night)

SCHOOL APPROVAL: *Theatre director participation is required.* The school administration agrees to State Meet OAP Honor Crew participation as per the information provided with this application. Our theatre director will accompany this student and shall participate as a member of the State Meet OAP Production Staff. I have read and fully understand the attached information sheet and unconditionally endorse the participation of this teacher and student(s) as members of the One-Act Play Honor Crew.

(Signature of Principal or Superintendent is Required)

R E L E A S E F O R M

89th ANNUAL STATE MEET ONE-ACT PLAY CONTEST

For and in consideration of participation by _____ in the University Interscholastic League State Meet One-Act Play Contest hosted by the University of Texas at Austin Performing Arts Center on May 25, 2015, through May 28, 2015, the undersigned (participant) hereby recognizes that the UIL State Meet One-Act Play Contest is provided by the University of Texas at Austin for the sole benefit of participants. That participation is voluntary and that participant and his parents or legal guardians expressly assume all risk of death of, or personal injury to, participant, all loss of property or any other loss of every nature.

For the same consideration and without conflict with the express assumption of risks, the participants and parent hereby release and discharge the University of Texas at Austin, its officers, employees and their heirs, successors and assigns, jointly and severally from any and all actions, causes of actions, claims, demands, damages, costs, and expenses on account of, or in any way growing out of any and all personal injuries or death, property damage of any kind or degree while the participant is en route to or from, or participating in, the UIL State Meet One-Act Play Contest hosted by the University of Texas Performing Arts Center on May 25, 2015, through May 28, 2015.

The undersigned (participant) further promises to bind himself, his heirs, administrators and executors to indemnify and forever hold harmless the University of Texas at Austin, its officers and employees against loss, damage or expense from any and all claims, demands, actions or causes of action that may at any time be made or brought against any or all of said parties because of any accident or occurrences while said participant is en route to or from, or participating in, the UIL State Meet One-Act Play Contest hosted by the University of Texas Performing Arts Center on May 25, 2015, through May 28, 2015.

Signed, the _____ day of _____, 2015.

Participant's Signature _____

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