



## 2012 SUMMER SEMINAR FOR HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS

The Summer Seminar for High School Juniors offers students from all over the country the opportunity to come to Ashland and experience all aspects of the Oregon Shakespeare Festival's operation. For two exciting weeks, sixty-five talented young people between their junior and senior year are thrust into a rigorous schedule which includes forums, workshops, discussions and playgoing events. Members of the OSF company share their art, skill, insight and theatrical expertise with the group. When students return to their high schools, they will be ready to make a difference.

Students gain insight into the workings of a successful repertory theatre company by attending forums and workshops on such topics as: theatre administration, fund-raising, stage management, costume, scenic, properties, sound and lighting design, as well as Shakespeare scansion, audition skills, text analysis, movement and voice for the stage.

The 2012 Summer Seminar students will attend nine OSF productions:

*Romeo and Juliet*

*Party People*

*Animal Crackers*

*The Very Merry Wives of Windsor Iowa*

*As You Like It*

*All the Way*

*Troilus and Cressida*

*Medea / Macbeth / Cinderella*

*Henry V*

The Seminar will be held July 30 – August 11. Admission to the program is limited. Students must be recommended by teachers and/or other adults, and must complete an application which requires thought and self-examination. The application deadline is **April 2, 2012**. We are seeking students of diverse backgrounds. While an extensive theatrical resume is not a requirement for admission to the program, students must have a demonstrated interest in the arts and a background in school or community theatre. Active physical participation is required in workshops such as stage combat, Creating An Ensemble, Renaissance Dance, Exploring Shakespeare's Language, lighting, scenic painting, Hip-Hop And Shakespeare. Students must be able to study and memorize complex text, function independently and adhere to the physically rigorous Seminar schedule. The fee of \$1,975 includes tickets to the plays and other events and room and board at Southern Oregon University. Flexible tuition is available thanks to the generosity of members of The Bowmer Society.

For further information call the OSF Education Office at (541) 482-2111, extension 414. Application forms are also available at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival website at [www.osfashland.org](http://www.osfashland.org).

(Attach a recent photograph of yourself in this space. Do not FAX photo; you must send original.)

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**Application Form, Part 1**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email (required): \_\_\_\_\_

Grade in school \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

High School that you currently attend \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ City State Zip

School Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Principal \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Drama Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Provide the names and contact information of the people who are recommending you:

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

You will receive an email confirmation after we process your application. If you do not hear from us please contact our office at (541) 482-2111, extension 414.



**Please briefly answer the following questions:**

What is the area of theatre that most interests you? \_\_\_\_\_

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List your experiences in that area: \_\_\_\_\_

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Experience in other areas: \_\_\_\_\_

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Extra-curricular activities, organizations, honors, etc.: \_\_\_\_\_

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Briefly describe your high school's theatre program: \_\_\_\_\_

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Briefly describe theatre and/or other cultural opportunities in your community: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Oregon Shakespeare Festival

## 2012 SUMMER SEMINAR FOR HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS Application Form, Part 2

On a separate sheet of paper, please answer the following questions. Since there are twice as many applicants as there are spaces available, we depend on your responses to help us get to know you: your interests, your passions, your experiences. Keep in mind that a long answer is not necessarily a complete or interesting answer. We are looking for depth, honesty and detail. The time and care put into this application does make a difference. Each answer should be between 150 to 500 words in length. Please write legibly or use a 12 point font.

1. What exactly inspires you about the theatre? Why?
2. What one thing would enhance the arts in your school and/or community?
3. What does heroism mean to you? Describe in detail one specific incident in which you have acted heroically in the last twelve months.
4. What do you like best about yourself? Why?
5. If accepted to the Seminar, what will the other Seminar students like best about you? Why?
6. What does leadership mean to you? Describe one instance in which you have been a leader during the last year. Be specific and detailed.
7. What is the most important thing you have learned about yourself this year?

Please ask three adults (not related to you) who know you to fill out and return the accompanying recommendation forms. The application and recommendation forms should be mailed to the following address:

2012 Summer Seminar  
OSF Education Office  
PO Box 158  
Ashland, OR 97520

ALL MATERIALS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY **April 2, 2012**. If your application is incomplete you will be eliminated from consideration. While an extensive theatrical resume is not a requirement for admission to the program, students must have a demonstrated interest in the arts and a background in school or community theatre. Active physical participation is required in workshops such as stage combat, Creating An Ensemble, Renaissance Dance, Exploring Shakespeare's Language, lighting, scenic painting, Hip-Hop And Shakespeare. Students must be able to study and memorize complex text, function independently and adhere to the physically rigorous Seminar schedule. You will be notified whether or not you have been accepted to the program by May 15, 2012. Given the number of highly qualified applicants to the program, the decisions made by the acceptance committee are final and are not subject to appeal. Thank you for your interest in the Summer Seminar for High School Juniors!



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Recommendation Form**

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Some words of caution: the Seminar schedule is very demanding and can be stressful. Although students grow visibly during the program, it is not an arena that will benefit troubled students.

Applicant's full name \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

Your relationship to the applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Based on the scale below, please rate the applicant in the following areas:

5 = Outstanding    4= Solid    3 = Average    2 = Often not    1 = Do not recommend

	Rating	Comment (optional)
Reliability	_____	_____
Responsibility	_____	_____
Self discipline	_____	_____
Leadership potential	_____	_____
Commitment to theatre	_____	_____
Ability to work as an ensemble member	_____	_____

OSF SUMMER SEMINAR FOR HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS Recommendation Form (2)

Does the applicant handle stressful situations well?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If no, please explain:

Do you have reason to doubt the applicant's emotional stability?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If so, please explain:

Does the applicant's need for attention take negative forms (unnecessary injury, fabricated drama, temper tantrums)?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If so, please explain:

Is the applicant's sense of romance or flirtation likely to become his/her first priority in a situation where he/she is meeting new people and living in relatively close quarters with them?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If so, please explain:

What one word captures the essence of this applicant?

What gives you faith in this student?

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Your name \_\_\_\_\_

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