

Student Thespian Officers are SC Student Thespians who step into a leadership role in our state. They work together with the adult board of the SC Thespians to create opportunities and build community in South Carolina Theatre.

The SC Thespian Board will be looking for STO candidates that display enthusiasm, a willingness to work with others, strong communication skills, respect, kindness and friendliness toward others, initiative, a passion for the South Carolina Thespian organization, and exhibit a dedicated nature.

Student Thespian Officer Duties:

1. STO members must be available for STO planning meetings (at least one summer, fall, and January - dates TBD) and the SC High School Thespian Festival. STOs should also plan to attend the SC Junior Thespian Festival (May 6, 2023 & April 2024). When possible, attendance to the International Thespian Festival (June 19-23) at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana is recommended.
2. STO members must secure their own transportation to and from all of the STO events listed in Duty #1; these events may occur all over the state of South Carolina.
3. STO members should actively solicit individual troupe involvement in Regional, State, and International Thespian activities and address individual troupe concerns in conjunction with the State Director and STO Advisors.
4. STO members must advise the State Director and STO Advisors about student concerns and seek input in our State organization.
5. STO members must generate and conduct student activities for the SC Thespian Festival and fulfill all State Conference responsibilities.
6. STO members will begin their term at the SC Junior Thespian Festival, the year they are selected, and conclude their term at the SC Junior Thespian Festival the following year. Note: The Spring meeting at the Junior Thespian Festival is the first required event for the new STO members, and the last meeting for the previous year's STO members. Both groups of officers will be in attendance in order to transition to the new STO board.
7. STO members serve one term after being elected; however, STO members who begin on the board in their sophomore or junior year of High School are allowed to apply to serve an additional term the following year. They will have to undergo the application/interview process, the same as new applicants, in order to secure an additional term.

Student Thespian Officer Board:

1. Whenever possible, the STO board will consist of five Thespians, selected by appointed members of the Thespian Executive Board.
2. Each school may submit up to 3 STO candidates.
3. STO candidates and electors will meet together several times during the SC High School Thespian Festival. Therefore, it is mandatory for applicants to attend this festival.
4. The election results will be announced on Sunday during the SC High School Thespian Festival Awards.

Basic Student Executive Board Yearly Calendar:

Spring STO Meeting/Junior Thespian Festival - April, 2024

Summer/Fall pre-festival planning meeting-Aug/Sept 2024

January meeting (via phone/Skype or at the January Director's meeting)

SC Thespian Festival (February 2025)

Spring STO Meeting/Junior Thespian Festival - April 2025

Application Process:

The Application Process will happen in three rounds:

1. The first round is a written application that will be emailed to you directly once the Delegate Registration form is submitted by your teacher in January. Please be sure your teacher knows what email you need it sent to! **Applications will be due Feb 1.** These applications will be reviewed by the Thespian Board, and applicants will be selected for the second round.
 - a. Before completing the application below, please have the following documents ready:
 - i. **Parent Student Agreement:** [This link](#) below will take you to a document that you will need to download and include in your application; this document will also need to be signed by you and a parent/guardian.
 - ii. **Your Resume** (in PDF format)
 - iii. **Your Headshot/A photo of yourself**
 - iv. **Teacher Email Address:** Your Troupe Director will then be contacted for their recommendation after you submit your application. BEFORE you submit, be sure they are available to complete this form, and make sure you have their email address.
 - v. **Guidance Councilor or School Registrar Email Address:** SC Thespians will request your current GPA, class rank, and National Standardized Test Scores. We need the email address of the person at your school who can send these to us.
 - vi. **All application materials must be submitted by Feb 1 to be considered as a candidate.**
2. Once you have applied, your paperwork will be reviewed by SC Thespian Board members who will select the candidates to interview at the state festival. If you are selected to be interviewed, you will receive an email to schedule a thirty minute individual interview session with SC Thespian Board Officers on Sunday, February 11 (12:00-5:00PM). The interview will occur via a remote platform.
3. Teacher Recommendation and School records will be requested.
4. Applicants selected for the second round will first participate in a virtual interview about 2 weeks before State Festival. In the interview, we will discuss your experience, and your ideas for the future of SC thespians!
5. All applicants who are interviewed will also participate in a leadership workshop at the festival and take shifts volunteering to help the festival run smoothly. Applicants should do their very best to be at all three days of the festival!

The New STO Board will be announced at the Thespian Awards Ceremony.

We are very excited that you are interested in applying for a State Student Officer Position! If you have any questions about the application or interview process, please feel free to contact: Erin Gill, eleegill@gmail.com