



2012 Shooting Stars Recognition, Scholarship and Awards Program

Tips for Theatre Technical Interview/Portfolio Presentation

Self Presentation and Attitude

- Present yourself professionally. Introduce yourself – show confidence and enthusiasm, but not arrogance.
- Dress for the occasion (nothing revealing, comfortable yet professional shoes – no flip flops). You want the judges to think about you – not your clothes.
- Show that you are a team player, a collaborator.
- Be prepared to answer/discuss – Why do you do “Theatre Tech”? / Why is it important to you?
- If given feedback, receive it well.

Present a Neat Portfolio

- Include scale drawings, material samples, queue changes and quick changes.
- If you worked on costumes, include renderings, fabric swatches and pictures of the finished costumes.
- Include a one to two paragraph summary of your design perspective. This will not only help to explain your work, but can also serve as a nice intro for your interview.

What to Bring to the Interview

- Your portfolio containing hard copies (paper) of your drawings, materials, fabric swatches, pictures of finished costumes, etc.
- DVD with images of your costumes, set, productions, etc. Use the DVD to compliment your portfolio. (A laptop will be provided for your use.) You need to leave one copy of your DVD with the judges.

Résumé

- The judges should know who you are by reading your Résumé.
- Provide the following “artistic” information:
 - training
 - experience (both within and outside of your school)
 - accomplishments/awards
 - extracurricular activities i.e. community theatre group, stage group
 - club memberships (including offices held)
 - anything else that might tell the judges how “Theatre Tech” fits in your life

Résumé (cont'd.)

- Include information about:
 - community and volunteer service
 - academic awards, honors and achievements (including GPA, ACT and SAT scores)
 - extracurricular activities i.e. debate, student government, choir, sports
 - leadership positions
 - anything else that might tell the judges who you are

- Important!
 - List accomplishments/information in descending order (most current to earliest)
 - *Proof-read and spell-check your Résumé.*
 - Do not rely solely on spell-check (your word processing program) – it can miss things.
Have your nominating teacher and/or parent(s) review it for content, spelling, grammar and format before you submit it!