



Young Arts Ambassador 2016-2017 Season Application for Participation

The Washington Center for the Performing is located in the heart of downtown Olympia. We are seeking high school students with an interest in the performing arts for our 3rd Annual Young Arts Ambassador Program. Up to twenty students will be accepted into this program and will contribute to establishing a vital information link to their peers and the community regarding performing arts locally, regionally, and nationally. The Young Arts Ambassador experience provides an opportunity for teens and young adults to develop leadership, workforce, and life skills in order to achieve their highest potential as citizens in the global community. The program also seeks to reinforce commitment to exceeding academic expectations, skill-set development, cultural opportunities, and by fostering new relationships and networks through volunteerism and arts exposure.

The YAA Program culminates in a student organized Showcase; an inspiring event produced by and featuring local Olympia youth. The Showcase will feature both performance and visually based art, and the YAA's will be part of planning the event as well as have the opportunity to participate in it.

We encourage interested high school students (sophomores, juniors, and seniors) to complete an application for the Young Arts Ambassador 2016-17 Season.

Please see general requirements and the application below. For more information, please contact Vanessa Postil at YAA@washingtoncenter.org or 360-753-8585 x104

SELECTION CRITERIA

- High School Sophomore, Junior or Senior during the 2016-17 school year.
- Willingness to volunteer as an usher for 4 hours each month October through May
- Participation in all workshops/group meetings held once a month on Saturdays.
- Must have access to a computer and have at least one social media account (Facebook, Tumblr, Instagram, Twitter, etc.) in order to promote and review performances.
- Must be willing and able to attend at least one performance each month and compose one written or video review per month during presenting season (October through May).
- Parental permission and support if under 18 years of age.
- Completed application materials
- Ability to begin program on October 8, 2016

BENEFITS OF BEING A WASHINGTON CENTER YOUNG ARTS AMBASSADOR

- Complimentary ticket to select main stage and black box shows
- Be a role model and voice of young people for the arts in our community by authoring reviews for immediate posting via social media.
- Washington Center Young Arts Ambassador I.D. Badge
- Opportunity to earn at least 4 community service hours each month
- Exposure to behind-the-scenes operations at a first-class arts organization
- Guest speakers, backstage tours, meet and greets with professionals in various career tracks connected to the performing arts
- Gain imperative life skills that will inspire both you and your community

TIMELINE

Dates	Description
September 7	First day of School for most of Thurston County
October 1	Applications Due
October 3	Notification of acceptance
October 8, 6:00 pm	Orientation/First Group Meeting: Writing for Social Media
October 8	Students may begin requesting tickets and usher assignments
Oct 18 or Nov 21	Usher Training
November 12, 11-2 pm WCPA Black Box	Group Meeting: Arts Advocacy 1 Workshop: Improv Comedy
December 3, 11-2 pm Location TBD	Group Meeting: Careers in the Arts Workshop: Movement/Music
January 21, 11-2 pm WCPA Black Box	Group Meeting: Arts Advocacy 2 Workshop: Technical Theater
February 11, 11-2 pm WCPA Black Box	Group Meeting: Fundraising/Event Planning Workshop: Visual Art
March 4, 11-2 pm WCPA Black Box	Group Meeting: Showcase Planning Workshop: Film/Digital Media
April 15, 11-2 pm WCPA Black Box	Group Meeting: Showcase Planning Workshop: Teaching Artists Education
May 6	YAA Youth Showcase - Rehearsal and Event

Ambassadors must complete an average of four volunteer hours per month, attend at least one event per month, and attend all workshops and group meetings. Workshops and Group Meetings are 60 to 90 minutes each.



APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Completed Application Form
- Personal Essay (300 words maximum)
- School Transcript (need not be official)
- Parental Permission and consent (if under age 18)
- Two Recommendations from a teacher, counselor, employer, youth leader, or other non-related adult.

Applicants will be notified of acceptance into the program by October 3 and will be expected to attend orientation on October 8, usher training on October 18 or November 21.

Applications must be received by October 1 at 5:00 pm and can be sent by mail, or email to:

Young Arts Ambassador Program
The Washington Center for the Performing Arts
512 Washington Street SE
Olympia, WA 98501

Email: YAA@washingtoncenter.org



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Thank you for your interest in being a part of this exciting program at the Washington Center for the Performing Arts. The first YAA meeting will be held on October 8 at 6:00pm. This will be a mandatory orientation with parents in attendance.

_____	_____
Name	Email
_____	_____
Phone Number	Date of Birth
_____	_____
Home Address	Grade Level 2016-17
_____	_____
City, State, Zip	School Attending 2016-2017
_____	_____
Participant Signature	Today's Date
_____	_____
Parent/Guardian if in High School	Parent/Guardian Work Phone
_____	_____
Parent/Guardian Email	Parent/Guardian Cell/Home Phone
_____	_____

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Name: _____	Name: _____
Relationship: _____	Relationship: _____
Home Phone: _____	Home Phone: _____
Work Phone: _____	Work Phone: _____
Cell Phone: _____	Cell Phone: _____
Home Name: _____	Home Phone: _____
Physician Address: _____	Hospital Preference: _____

Any Allergies, medical conditions, severe illnesses? _____

I certify that all information provided in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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1) Have you seen national touring shows before? If so, which ones?	
2) What type of live theatrical events do you enjoy? (musicals, plays, concerts, opera, dance, other)	
3) Do you currently write for any publications? If so, please specify (school newspaper, yearbook)	
4) Tell us about your personal connection to the arts (enjoy being a patron, performing, working backstage, musical abilities)	
5) How do you find out about what is currently playing in our community?	
6) Will you be able to arrange your schedule to prioritize both attending events and completing the required reviews?	
7) What's the number one way you communicate with your peers?	
8 Which social networking sites do you currently utilize?	
9) Do you aspire to a career in the arts industry? Please explain.	
10) What TV shows/Movies do you watch? What kind of music do you like/ listen to?	
11) Are you a member of a community or school arts organization? Please list.	

Please attach a short typed essay (300 words maximum) of why you feel you would be a valuable member of the Young Arts Ambassador program.

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LEGAL PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT FORM**

- I, _____, as the legal parent or guardian of _____, give permission for him/her to volunteer as a Young Arts Ambassador at The Washington Center for the Performing Arts. I do not hold The Washington Center for the Performing Arts liable or responsible for any lost personal belonging or for any injury that may occur during his/her volunteer service and activity participation.
- I will be responsible for providing reliable transportation to and from Washington Center venues, when he/she is scheduled to volunteer and participate in workshops or special activities.
- I will be responsible for providing insurance and assuming responsibility for all injuries and expenses that may result while he/she is providing volunteer services or participating in activities at The Washington Center for the Performing Arts.

PARENTAL CONSENT – Please check one of the following:

- I do consent to allowing my teenager to volunteer usher at performances that include adult content.
- I do **not** consent to allowing my teenager to volunteer usher performances that include adult content.

Please Note:

- Completing an application does not guarantee selection
- Students will be selected from eligible applicants.
- Students who do not continue to meet the ushering and workshop attendance requirements of the program may be terminated from the program at any time

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date

I hereby grant the The Washington Center permission to use my likeness in a photograph, video, or other digital media ("photo") in any and all of its publications, including web-based publications, without payment or other consideration.

I understand and agree that all photos will become the property of the The Washington Center and will not be returned.

I hereby irrevocably authorize the The Washington Center to edit, alter, copy, exhibit, publish, or distribute these photos for any lawful purpose. In addition, I waive any right to inspect or approve the finished product wherein my likeness appears. Additionally, I waive any right to royalties or other compensation arising or related to the use of the photo.

I hereby hold harmless, release, and forever discharge the The Washington Center from all claims, demands, and causes of action which I, my heirs, representatives, executors, administrators, or any other persons acting on my behalf or on behalf of my estate have or may have by reason of this authorization.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE PHOTO RELEASE. I AFFIRM THAT I AM AT LEAST 18 YEARS OF AGE, OR, IF I AM UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE, I HAVE OBTAINED THE REQUIRED CONSENT OF MY PARENT/GUARDIAN AS EVIDENCED BY A SIGNATURE BELOW. I ACCEPT:

Print Name

Signature

Date

If under 18, MUST BE SIGNED BY A PARENT/GUARDIAN

Parent and/or Legal Guardian

Date

Young Arts Ambassador 2016-2017 Season RECOMMENDATION FORM

TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT

Home Address	Grade Level 2016-17
School	Graduation Month/Year
Applicant's Signature	Date

TO BE COMPLETED BY INDIVIDUAL RECOMMENDING THE ABOVE APPLICANT

The above individual is interested in participating in The Washington Center for the Performing Arts Young Arts Ambassadors Program. If selected, the applicant will serve as a volunteer usher and be required to attend several workshops. Please return this form to the applicant in a sealed and signed envelope.

Thank you for taking time to assist us with our selection process. We value your input on the suitability of this applicant and will hold your scores in confidence.

- How long have you known the applicant? _____
- What is the nature of your relationship with the applicant?
 Teacher Employer Advisor/Youth Leader Other _____
- Please place a check in the column that most clearly represents your opinion.

	Superior	Good	Average	Poor	Unknown
Originality, intellectual creativity					
Ability to work with others					
Ability to take directions					
Maturity and ability to work under pressure					
Leadership					
Perseverance towards goals					
Self-discipline					
Reliability					
Cooperativeness					
Motivation					

- Strongly Recommend
 Recommend
 Recommend w/ Reservations
 Do Not Recommend

Signature	Date
Job Title	Phone Number

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