**Sussex Youth Theatre Scholarship Application Form**

Please note that there is a £5 administration fee per application. This is payable either by cash (at class) or by cheque payable to Mitch Jenkins, please enclose this amount with your completed form and return it to your venue teacher in a sealed envelope or via post to 104 Station Road, Worthing , West Sussex, BN11 1JY. Do not send cash through the post

**Applicant Details**

First Name

Surname

Date of Birth

Permanent Address

**Contact Details**

Telephone/Mobile Number

Email

Correspondence Address (if different from permanent address)

Are you already a Sussex Youth Theatre Student? YES/NO (please circle)

If yes which venue do you attend?

**Discrimination policy and Disability Disclosure**

Sussex Youth Theatre fully up holds the values of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 and will not discriminate based on any disability as stated in the Equality Act 2010. SYT will offer scholarships based on talent and potential alone. It will not take disability, gender, ethnicity, religion, sexuality or household income into consideration when awarding scholarships.

If you would like to disclose your disability please state it below, including any access requirements you may need.

**Please sign and date below to allow your child to audition for a scholarship with Sussex Youth Theatre**

 **Parent/Guardians Signature Date**

**About Yourself**

Please complete the questions below continuing on separate sheets if needed. Please include your name and the question you are answering if using extra sheets.

1. Brief outline of previous acting experience (if any)
2. Why you would like to be an SYT scholar
3. Other interests and skills
4. Anything else you would like us to know about?

**The Audition**

* Applicants are advised to arrive at least 20 minutes early to allow for registration.
* Each applicant will be given an individual time slot for their audition, this will be given to them once they have registered at the venue.
* Individual auditions will last no longer than 15 minutes.
* Once your individual audition is over you are free to leave.

**Audition day schedule:**

9.30 a.m. Registration.

10 a.m. Auditions commence

**What to Prepare**

You will need to prepare a short monologue to perform. It must be no shorter than one minute and no longer than 2 minutes and must be recited from memory. We don’t mind where you find your monologue, it can be from a play, a film, a book, a poem or even self-written. Just make sure that it only has one character speaking and is suitable for your age.

You may also prepare a short song to sing but this in not obligatory. The song must be performed unaccompanied and should also be no longer than 2 minutes.

After you have performed your monologue and song, there will be a short interview with the panel about yourself and why you would like to be an SYT scholar.

**Choosing your monologue - Dos and Don’ts**

**Do**

* Choose a character that is close to you in age.
* Choose a speech where you understand all the language and the issues that the character is talking about.
* Choose something that you like performing.
* Be yourself!

**Don’t**

* Use an accent that you are not 100 % comfortable with.
* Copy a performance you have seen somebody else do. We want to see your original ideas and how you can perform.
* Be worried to use your imagination and be a bit different!

**The Scholarships**

We will be awarding three types of scholarships and will run no longer than a year:

* Full Scholarship – this covers all class fees for the year, show fees, 3 workshops a year, t-shirt costs and the joining fee for the acting agency based at pinewood.
* Half Scholarship – classes are reduced to £6 each. All other fees are covered including show fees, 3 workshops a year, t-shirt costs and the joining fee for the acting agency based at pinewood.
* Quarter Scholarship – classes are reduced to £9 each. All other fees are covered including show fees, 3 workshops a year, t-shirt costs and the joining fee for the acting agency based at pinewood.

Scholarships will be awarded based on talent and also on the amount of funding we have available to us.

**The Audition Panel**

The audition panel will include the Artistic Director of Sussex Youth Theatre, an artistic associate, an independent assessor and persons relevant to the process.

Once decisions have been made regarding the scholarships, Sussex Youth Theatre reserve to right not to disclose the reasons for their choices.

**After the Audition**

All applicants will be informed if they have been successful or not via a letter/email no later than 28 days after the applicants audition date.

**If you are awarded a scholarship**

Your scholarship will come into effect at the beginning of the next academic year. By accepting the scholarship you will be agreeing to all the terms and conditions that follow.

As an SYT scholar complete focus, dedication and professionalism will be expected at all times. All classes, shows and workshops must be attended, unless specific permission has been granted in advance by the Artistic Director. Failure to attend or seek the right permissions will result in your child’s scholarship being reviewed. If the absence is deemed unacceptable, Sussex Youth Theatre will expect full payment for the class, show or workshop that was missed.

Scholarship students act as young ambassadors for Sussex Youth Theatre. We believe that our scholars should work with respect, understanding and tolerance both in and outside of class. If any scholar is seen to be behaving contrary to this, their scholarship will be reviewed.

SYT reserve the right to withdraw an offer or terminate a scholarship at any time.

**If you aren’t awarded a Scholarship**

Competition for our scholarships is extremely fierce. If you did not succeed this time, please don’t be discouraged or feel that you weren’t good enough. There may be a variety of reasons as to why you weren’t successful and we encourage everyone to try again next year.