



Who exactly *are* these...
“Metro Scholars”
you may ask.



Well. We're glad you asked.

The TRTC Metro Scholars dive head-first into a professional theater and swim around for a year.

Got it?

Here's the deal:

If you are accepted into the Metro Scholar program,
here's what we give you:

- Access – Through this program, we open our doors to you.
- Understanding about how a regional theater really works.
- Theater career counseling – Director of Education Kate Cordaro will become a resource for you, and will help answer the questions you may have about colleges, career options and concerns.
- The First Day – The kickoff in September includes an orientation, theater exercises and an in-depth tour of the Two River Theater.
- Two subscriptions to the TRTC 2010/2011 season.
- Saturday workshops, one for each play, led by TRTC senior staff and guest artists, exploring varied aspects of professional theater.
- A “Coffee Talk” after each production, where students and TRTC staff can share their feedback on the show. (Coffee Talks immediately follow each Saturday workshop.)
- The Last Day – an entire day of workshops, master classes and exercises, led by teaching artists and TRTC staff.

And here's what we ask from *you* in return:

- **Your commitment** to attend all shows and workshops, with an open mind and heart. We have an incredible season planned, and we are excited to share it with you.
- **Your time and energy.** We want to be able to call on you when the theater needs a helping hand – hanging posters, ushering, perhaps singing at the Gala, or working on Scout Day or *Dia de la Familia*, lending a hand with load-in; anything that *we* are doing to make this theater tick, we want *you* to do too.
- **Each of you will do two intensive assistantships next season.** This means you will work as an assistant to any of the following artistic, administrative or production departments: Assistant Stage Manager, Audience Services, Casting / Artistic, Communications, Costumes, Development, Education, Props, Special Events, Technical, or any other position that may need you. These assistantships will be 20-50 hours of commitment depending on which position you take, and each one will be individually planned with the Director of Education. We will create contracts for you to be signed by you, your parent or guardian, and a representative from the theater.

We are offering you a once in a lifetime opportunity to make a significant contribution to the life of a professional theater as a junior in high school.

Are you up for the challenge?

If not, you should probably leave now. Thanks.

Requirements

- High school sophomores who live in New Jersey may apply to be a TRTC Metro Scholar; the program will happen during their junior year (the 2010-2011 school year).
- Students must **complete** an application, **write** a Statement of Purpose (info below), **submit** a written recommendation from a drama / art / tech teacher or guidance counselor, **plus** one of the following:
 - Acting:**
 - Audition with a 2-minute memorized monologue from a published, contemporary play, and then interview with TRTC staff
 - Set / Costume / Lighting Design:**
 - Prepare a design presentation for an actual or proposed production or scene, and then interview with TRTC staff
 - Technical / Stage Management:**
 - Bring a resume of your technical work and/or stage management book and interview with TRTC staff
- **Statement of Purpose:** We want to know who you are, why you love theater, what sparked you to apply for this scholarship and what you hope to get out of the program if accepted. Please write one page telling us these things.
- Metro Scholars agree to participate in all program events.
- Transportation to and from the theater is the responsibility of the student.

Dates & Deadlines

- **INFO SESSION for interested students, their families and teachers:**
Monday, February 22 from 4-6pm at the Two River Theater (enter through the TRTC Box Office doors.). Current Metro Scholars, alumni of the program and Kate Cordaro, Director of Education will answer all of your questions about this program and give you a tour of the theater.
- **DEADLINE for Applications and Statements of Purpose** (Teacher Recommendations may be sent separately):
Wednesday, March 24, 2010 at 6pm. Applications will not be accepted after this date.
- **Auditions / Presentations / Interviews:** Saturday, May 1, 2010 starting at 10am.
Applicants will be notified with specific audition times.
- **Metro Scholars Officially Announced:** Tuesday, May 18, 2010 at the sixth annual Celebration for Educators, a reception for area teachers at the Two River Theater.

TRTC Metro Scholar Application

Please Print CLEARLY

Student's Name

Address

City

State

Zip

Phone

Email

School

Contact Teacher

Teacher's Phone

Teacher's Email

Focus: (Check one)

Acting

Set / Costume / Lighting Design

Technical / Stage Management

• Scholarship is open to high school sophomores in New Jersey, and will take place in the 2010-2011 school year.

• Please mail this Application and your Statement of Purpose (Teacher Recommendations may be sent separately) by **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 2010** to:

**Two River Theater Company
21 Bridge Avenue
Red Bank, NJ 07701
Attention: Metro Scholars**

For more information, please contact:

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