

LONE★STAR Storytelling Festival

Lone Star Storytellers Audition FAQs – 2017

What will Lone Star Storytellers do?

Lone Star Storytellers (ages 9-18) learn, craft, and perfect a five minute spoken story. They perform these stories at various venues throughout Frisco, culminating in performances at the Lone Star Storytelling Festival on Oct. 12-14, 2017. Lone Star Storytellers share the stage with professional storytellers and may be selected to perform for thousands of students during FISD Field Trips to Dr. Pepper Arena.

What are the benefits to becoming a Lone Star Storyteller?

- Develop life-long public speaking skills and build confidence.
- Exclusive workshops on public speaking, improvisational skills, storytelling, and using your gifts and talents.
- Become part of a professional storytelling troupe and contribute to the Frisco arts community.
- Showcase talent through performances in the Frisco community.

What is the program curriculum for students?

- Attend (with a guardian) a mandatory, one-hour orientation on Wednesday, August 9 from 7-8:00pm.
- Complete at least seven free, one-hour coaching sessions provided by storytelling professionals on staff at the Frisco Public Library and in the Frisco community.
- Attend at least one free workshop on public speaking, improvisational skills, and using your gifts and talents.
- Perform at various venues throughout Frisco.
- Perform before family and friends at mandatory dress rehearsal Sunday, October 8, 2017 from 3:00-5:00 pm.
- May be selected to perform during FISD's Field Trip Days Thursday or Friday morning, October 12-13, 2017.
- Perform during the Festival on Friday and/or Saturday, October 13-14, 2017.

How are Lone Star Storytellers selected?

- Lone Star Storytellers auditions will be judged by a panel assembled by the Frisco Public Library.

What needs to be on the audition DVD or YouTube performance?

- Record the student telling a memorized story of his or her choice – no reading from books or scripts please. Students may not use DVD performances from previous years' festivals.
- The audition story should be no more than five minutes long. Please do not record the audition outdoors.
- Make sure student states their full name and the name of the story at the beginning of the audition.
- Write the student's name on the actual DVD with a black Sharpie.
- If selected, the student may be approved to tell the same story at the Festival that they auditioned with or may be asked to select a new story at orientation. All stories chosen for the Festival must be approved by coaches.
- Auditions must be recorded on a PC formatted CD or a DVD that can be played in a DVD player. Students may also upload the audition to YouTube. YouTube links may be emailed to bbarber@friscotexas.gov.

How do I submit an audition?

- Pick up a Lone Star Storyteller audition form and FAQ sheet at the Frisco Public Library's 2nd floor, the 1st floor Teen room or at www.lonestarstories.org/auditions.
- Submit both the audition DVD or YouTube URL and a completed audition application form to bbarber@friscotexas.gov or to the Frisco Public Library during the Library's regular hours (Monday –Thursday, 9am-9pm; Friday, 9am-6pm; Saturday, 10am-6pm; Sunday 1pm-6pm) between **March 1 and May 1, 2017**.

What is the audition deadline? When will I know results?

- **Deadline is Monday, May 1, 2017 at 9:00pm.** All auditionees will be contacted via email by May 23, 2017.

Where can I find out more?

Go to www.lonestarstories.org or contact: Bonnie Barber at 972-292-5639, email bbarber@friscotexas.gov.