

2019 International Thespian Festival

University of Nebraska -Lincoln, Nebraska

June 23-June 30, 2019

NATIONALS INFORMATION SESSION – Monday, February 11 @ 6:30 p.m. followed by monthly STAGE meeting at 6:45.

OVERVIEW OF ITF – (NATIONALS):

The International Thespian Festival (ITF) offers a full schedule of workshops presented by theatre professionals, individual performance events, a student playwriting program, and opportunities for juniors (rising seniors) to audition for colleges. A variety of college programs are represented and delegates are available to talk to interested students of any age. Recently graduated seniors may also apply for Thespian scholarships. Additionally, ITF features more than fifty productions presented by schools from throughout North America and abroad. Two main stage productions are presented daily on the main stages of the Lied Center and Kimball Theater on the UNL campus.

ITF is a valuable experience for *all* students, especially those interested in pursuing performing arts in college. It is especially beneficial for rising seniors due to the opportunity to audition for several schools in one location. Schools have been known to waive their application fees if they are interested in a specific student. Additionally, students who qualified for Nationals at the Regional Thespian Festival (IE) in January, can audition their IE piece (each student can only perform 1 IE piece) to qualify for a performance in the festival IE Showcase. Tiger Drama has had students be called back for the final showcase auditions and we have had students win nationals in tech categories.

For more information on the International Thespian Festival: <https://www.schooltheatre.org/itf2019/home>

CONFERENCE DATES:

June 24 – June 29, 2019

Travel to conference will be on Sunday 6/23 Travel home on Sunday, 6/30

Departure and arrival times are pending purchase of airline tickets.

Trip Deposit Info:

Registration Deadline February 27, 2019 with first deposit – Checks payable to LCHS. Credit card may be used for online payments. See LC Business Office with payment questions/concerns.

***Non-refundable airline tickets will be purchased after second deposit.**

February 27: \$400.00 deposit due

March 27: \$400 Deposit due NO REFUNDS AFTER THIS POINT-(*STAGE scholarships applied)

April 17: \$400 due

June 7: Remaining balance due

****STAGE has committed to assist students who qualified for Nationals at IE East. Ongoing fundraising occurs through STAGE to assist with ITF costs***

KEEP THIS SHEET!

If you plan to attend and travel with the LC group, **please sign, complete and return the attached registration info sheet to Mrs. Maguire before February 27th and make your first deposit to the Business Office.**

Cost Breakdown:

Area	Amount	Information
Conference Cost (Housing, Conference, Performances, Master Classes, and Food)	\$840- inducted Thespians \$870- non- members	Students see 10 fully mounted productions, attend workshops with Broadway and Theatre Professionals, Visit with College and University representatives, housing in 2-3 person dorm rooms, Dining Hall food - all on the University of Nebraska campus.
*Airfare We seek to get the lowest price we can!	\$600ish+	from Spokane to Lincoln/Omaha *Note: Several have asked about using miles to get their plane fares to reduce costs. That is possible. We will just subtract the flight costs from the total. Donating miles is also possible. Please let us know ASAP as it will impact how many are included in our group when making flight arrangements.
College/Thespian Scholarship Auditions	\$46.00	Students who graduate in spring 2019 and are inducted Thespians by May 1, 2018 may audition for college and university programs at Festival. A minimum 2.75 GPA is required to participate. Auditioners must also plan to major in the performing arts. More info and a list of participating schools can be found here: https://www.schooltheatre.org/itf2019/collegeready/collegeauditions
NIES Auditions	\$30.00/event	For students who scored an overall superior at IE East. Each student can participate in ONE event (performance or tech).
Ground Transportation	\$50.00*	From Omaha to Lincoln – *Tiger Drama will cover this cost.
Additional Night Lodging	\$50.00	Early arrival – Sunday evening hotel/dorm. Tiger Drama will cover this cost.
Spending Money	OPTIONAL	Some incidentals might include food on Sunday's travel day, breakfast Monday morning (depending on if we end up in a hotel or dorm), coffee/snacks during the week.
Estimated Total	\$1,500.00	Based on IE/Auditions, etc.

If you have any questions about ITF travel, please email Mrs. Maguire – suzannem@spokaneschools.org or call 354-5687.