

It's JTF time!

It's hard to believe the JTF season is right around the corner! If you are not familiar with the Junior Theater Festival please visit www.juniorteaterfestival.com to see what all the excitement is about!

As we kick off our preparations, we want to share a few key updates regarding team selection and pricing for JTF 2027.

Team Size & Selection Process

This year, our team will be smaller than last year. Because we are not performing a New Works Showcase, the regulation adjudication stage simply cannot accommodate a large group.

- **Auditions & Selection:** Greyson will be making the final decisions on team composition and may request auditions as needed.
- **How to Express Interest:** If your child wants to join the team, **please fill out the [JTF2027 Interest form](#) by Aug 22**. This form has space for chaperone interest, too.
- **Timeline:** Final decisions will take several weeks, so we appreciate your patience while the team is assembled.

Transparent Pricing Structure

In previous years, payments for registration, hotel fees, and tuition were billed separately, which created confusion close to the event. For full transparency, we are bundling all expenses together this year.

Last year's true total cost was \$1,050 when accounting for registration, hotel, food, and tuition. For JTF 2027, the total cost will be **\$1,100**.

Why the \$50 increase?

The official JTF festival participation fee went up by \$25, and our t-shirt printing costs have increased. In the past, unexpected cost overages directly impacted instructor pay. Adjusting our pricing ensures Greyson is properly compensated for the incredible time and dedication she pours into our students.

Final Pricing for JTF 2027:

- **Students:** \$1,100 (*Includes registration, hotel, food, and tuition*)
- **Chaperones:** \$625 (*Includes registration, hotel, food*)
- **Guests:** \$425 (*Festival access only — does NOT include hotel or food*)

Payment Plans & Fundraising

- **Fundraising:** Students can fundraise up to **\$350** toward their total balance by participating in team fundraisers.
- **Flexible Payments:** To make this manageable, we will offer a suggested monthly payment plan. Families who prefer to pay the lump sum upfront are welcome to do so. Please note, invoices will show the full amount due and reflect payments applied each month.

Cost Breakdown

To provide complete transparency on where every dollar goes, here is the itemized breakdown of student fees:

- **Official JTF Enrollment & Festival Access (\$400):** Includes the mandatory \$25 JTF registration and the \$375 festival participation fee, granting access to professional adjudications, celebrity workshops, mainstage performances, an official JTF t-shirt, and exclusive festival events.
- **Professional Performance Training (\$300):** Covers comprehensive tuition for months of intensive, specialized instruction and rehearsal hours to prepare students for the national stage.
- **Accommodations & Logistics (\$250):** Includes 3 nights of secure hotel accommodations with the group (\$225) and required collectible event bracelets (\$25).

- **Group Dining (\$100):** Covers 5 fully organized meals, keeping our team fueled and together throughout the weekend.
- **Two SRAA Shirts & Administrative Fees (\$50):** Covers the official adjudication shirt, a commemorative show shirt, and small administrative expenses (such as PayPal processing fees and unexpected supply costs). Students will wear their matching SRAA shirts on designated festival days to show off our team spirit!

For information about the payment schedule, deadlines, and a breakdown of chaperone and guest fees, see the attached pdf.

Thank you all for your support and enthusiasm as we launch into another exciting JTF season. Please respond to the [JTF2027 Interest form](#) by **Aug 22** to let us know if your child is interested, and don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions!

Best regards,

Denise Burcham