



2017-2018 TEEN AMBASSADOR PROGRAM PARTICIPANT HANDBOOK

Our Teen Ambassadors are a vital part of our arts education programming. They lead the way through their involvement in events at the arts center like performances, master classes, workshops and community experiences. Dr. Phillips Center Teen Ambassadors develop their leadership, writing and communication skills; learn about the non-profit business model; and work to develop, promote and implement their ideas. They also act as our social media ambassadors, sharing their experiences and connecting with our larger audience.

The Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts is seeking high school students with an interest in the performing arts for the Dr. Phillips Center Teen Ambassador Program. Thirty students from the seven Central Florida counties will be accepted into this program and in order to establish a vital informational link to their peers and the community regarding the arts, both locally and nationally.

Benefits Include

- Opportunities to attend different genres of shows and write reviews for immediate posting, “tweeting” and status updating.
- Monthly meetings with different arts professionals. (October 9, November 6, December 4, January 24, February 5, March 5, April 16, May 7, June 11)
- An insider’s view of different non-performance careers in the performing arts.
- Opportunities to represent the arts center at different events and earn at least 10 community service hours each month. Exposure to a large non-profit business model and to the behind-the-scenes operations at a major arts organization.
- Guest speakers, master classes, backstage tours, and meet and greets with professionals in various career tracks connected to the arts.
- One Teen Ambassador per Broadway show may be selected to participate in press night.

Requirements

- Must be a high school student in Orange, Seminole, Osceola, Lake, Polk, Volusia or Brevard County as of August 2017.
- Must have a B average (un-weighted).
- Must have access to a computer and have at least one social media account (Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, Instagram, etc.) in order to promote and review performances.
- Must be willing and able to attend one meeting per month from October 9, 2017–June 11, 2018 and to write and/or film occasional reviews. If a Teen Ambassador misses more than two meetings he or she will be removed from the program.
- Must respond to any program emails within designated time frame (usually 24 hours).

To Apply

- Complete the Dr. Phillips Center Teen Ambassador Program application. A parent or legal guardian must sign for any student under the age of 18.
- Submit a letter of recommendation from a person who is not a parent or legal guardian of the applicant (e.g., teacher, school counselor, principal, etc.).
- Submit a copy of your 2016–2017 school year report card.
- Submit a completed liability and media release form.
- Submit a YouTube video link, no longer than one minute in length, stating why you would make a great Dr. Phillips Center Teen Ambassador.

Applicants will be notified of acceptance into the program by Friday, September 29, 2017 and will be expected to attend up to two activities each month beginning with the orientation meeting on Monday, October 9, 2017 at 6 p.m. at the Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts.

Application Checklist

- Complete application materials listed above – typed or printed legibly. To receive an application please email cat.plazas@drphillipscenter.org
- Must be received by **Monday, September 18, 2017 at 5 p.m.** Please be aware, if mailing your application materials, they must be received at the Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts by Monday, September 18 for your application to be considered complete.
- Mail or email application to:

Teen Ambassador Program
Attn: Jennifer Russo – Program Manager, Education
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