



TEAM MEMBER APPLICATION PACKET

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2025

From Our President

Dear Applicant,

This packet presents a great opportunity – ministering this summer on The Academy of Arts Drama Ministry Program! This intensive, hands-on missions program uses drama, music and teaching to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Since 1971, The Academy of Arts has invited young people to minister with us, and the invitation is based on the student's character, conviction, and spiritual maturity.

During the summer months, we will hold services in more than 90 churches. You will get to meet pastors and youth directors, have fellowship with many congregations, and experience the warmth and hospitality of scores of Christian homes.

You will have fun! Free days are spent enjoying picnics, camping, amusement parks, museums, the beach, cook-outs, famous historical places, and much more. The goal of your team leaders is to minister to the needs of the Drama Team through fun, food, and fellowship. In addition, the team leaders conduct daily devotions, frequent Bible studies, and are always available to provide advice or counsel.

Through this exciting mission's program, you will build lasting friendships with other like-minded young people as you learn and minister together. And of course, you will have an absolute blast as you enjoy many fun and interactive games and activities together.

As a summer missionary, team members will be required to raise support according to specific deadlines outlined in the General Information portion of this packet. Once you have been accepted, you will receive information on how to start the process of raising funds. I am enclosing information about this exciting summer mission's trip and the doctrinal statement of The Academy of Arts.

To be assured of a place on the team, we would need to hear from you soon, as space is limited and funds must be secured in a timely manner. If you have any questions, please feel free to call us. We look forward to you joining us for the summer of a lifetime!

Sincerely,



Noah Stratton
President

Nicky Chavers, Founder
Noah Stratton, President

General Information

Summer 2025

- Training Camp Begins:** Team members must arrive by Saturday, May 24th. Registration will be from 3:30pm – 5:00pm.
- Location:** Training Camp is held at:
The Academy of Arts Logos Theatre
80 School Street
Taylors, SC 29687
- Training Camp Opening:** The official Opening Ceremony for Training Camp 2025 begins Saturday evening, May 24th, at 7:00 pm in the Academy of Arts Logos Theatre.
- Team Assignments:** Team members are *assigned* by the *first* Monday of camp. Requests are considered, but not always granted. The needs of the team and the presentation must take priority. Remember this is a mission's tour.
- Tour Dates:** Saturday, May 24th through Monday, July 28th. Awards Banquet & Program will be Monday evening.
- Application:** Applications must be filled out in full at www.theAcademyofArts.org
- Application Fee:** An application fee of \$25 [non-refundable] is due upon submitting an application.
- Medical Release:** You will receive a medical release form in your acceptance packet. The medical release form must be completely filled out and signed by a certified physician and notarized. Medical release forms MUST be received no later than May 1st.
- Reservation Fee:** A \$150.00 reservation fee must be paid upon acceptance. This fee is also non-refundable. If this fee is not paid within 2 weeks of receiving your acceptance packet, you may lose your spot.
- Credit Card on File:** Every student, upon acceptance, must submit a valid credit card number for our files. On May 29th, 2025, the student's remaining balance will be charged to this credit card.
- Stewardship:** The total cost for the 9-week tour is \$3,025 which includes the application and reservation fee. Each team member is required to raise \$2,850. This covers the cost of a two-week training

camp, costume fee, and lodging and food for the team members throughout the summer. Brochures, sample fundraising letter, and return envelopes are provided by **The Academy of Arts**. Receipts are sent directly from our office to the donor as donations are received. Stewardship Statements are sent monthly so each team member can see their progress. In order for the contributions to be tax-deductible, the checks and/or money orders must be made payable to **The Academy of Arts** and not to the individual team member. The first half of your payment (\$1,425) must be raised by April 11th, 2025. The second payment will be due at registration on May 24th.

Overage: Donations raised beyond the required \$2,850.00 will go toward the ongoing needs of **The Academy of Arts Ministries**, which is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable and educational institution.

Underage: Financial stewardship is an important part of a Christian's life. Team members are expected to raise the first \$1,425 by April 11th, 2025. If the student is unable to raise this amount of support by April 11th, they *may* lose their spot on the **Drama Ministry Program**. **Support raised will not be refunded.** **The Academy of Arts** is a faith-based ministry and trusts, along with each team member, that God will meet the need. If the second payment has not been received at time of registration on May 24th, 2025, the credit card on file will be charged the remaining balance on May 29th, 2025.

Spending Money: Team Members will *need* spending money for personal needs, snacks, and souvenirs. Team Members will also need money for recreational activities. Spending money can be held by team leaders in the team lock box. Students should NOT carry a large amount of money.

Phones: Students may carry personal cell phones. However, the team leaders have the right to limit calling times. We have found that cell phones can become a problem for some team members, so a limited use of these devices is expected.

Awards Banquet: The Awards Banquet will be on Monday, July 28th. All teams will return to Greenville on Monday afternoon to prepare for the evening Awards Banquet. Tickets for Drama Ministry Program members are free. Parents and friends are also welcome to purchase a \$11 ticket.

Ongoing Communication: Upon acceptance, you will be contacted periodically by phone and email to check in on your support raising and to answer any questions you might have. Please check your email for updates and information regarding the summer!

**Who Do I Talk To
If I Have A
Question?** To help us keep information streamlined and accurate, direct all questions to our home office either at 864.268.9342 or to sdeason@TheAcademyofArts.org.

Doctrinal Statement

1. We believe that the Old and New Testament scriptures are verbally inspired of God and inerrant in the original writing, and that they are the supreme and final authority in faith and life. (II Tim. 3:16-17; Prov. 30:5-6; Matt. 5:17; John 17:17)
2. We believe in one God, an eternal Spirit existing in three persons – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – one in essence and equal in every divine perfection. (Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 3:13-17; II Corinthians 13:14)
3. We believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the unique and only begotten Son of God, begotten of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, and we believe that He is very God of very God and very man of very man, one Person with two natures, divine and human. (Matthew 1:18-20; John 1:1-2, 14)
4. We believe in the creation of man by the direct act of God, that man was made after God's image and in a state of innocency, but that man willfully transgressed God's law and lost communion with God, becoming dead in sin, corrupt in nature, and incapable of pleasing God in the strength of his (man's) flesh. (Genesis 1:26-27; Genesis 3:1-24; Romans 5:12-21; Ephesians 2:1-6)
5. We believe in the Genesis account of Creation. Scripture teaches a recent origin of man and the whole creation, with history spanning approximately 4,000 years from creation to Christ. The days in Genesis do not correspond to geologic ages but are six consecutive, 24-hour days of creation; the first day began in Genesis 1:1, and the seventh day, which was also a normal 24-hour day, ended in Genesis 2:3 (Genesis 1:1–2:3; Exodus 20:8–11, 31:17; Hebrews 4:3–4).
6. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, accomplishing a vicarious, substitutionary atonement for all of Mankind; and that He was buried according to the Scriptures; and that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures; and that all who believe on Him are justified freely on the ground of His shed blood and are saved by grace through faith wholly apart from human merit or works. (I Corinthians 15:3; II Corinthians 5:21; Romans 3:21-28)
7. We believe in the resurrection of the crucified body of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His bodily ascension into heaven, and in His present life there as High Priest and Advocate. (Matthew 28:1-10; Acts 1:9; Hebrews 7:25-28)
8. We believe that all who receive the Lord Jesus Christ born again by the Holy Spirit through the Word of God become the children of God, possessing eternal life. (John 1:12; 3:5-7)
9. We believe in the personal, visible, imminent return of our Lord Jesus Christ to reign upon the earth. (I Thess. 4:16-17; Revelation 22:12; Matthew 24:42)
10. We believe in the bodily resurrection of all the dead: the saved to a life of eternal glory and bliss in Heaven with God; the unsaved to eternal judgment of conscious suffering and woe in the Lake of Fire. (I Thessalonians 4:15-17; John 5:21-29, Revelation 21:1-27)
11. We believe in the biblical separation of the believer from worldliness, recognizing that it hinders his growth toward the Christ-ideal and detracts from his Christian influence; and we believe in the biblical separation of the believer unto Christ. (II Timothy 3:1-5; Romans 12:1-2 I Corinthians 6:17-20; II Corinthians 6:16-18; I John 2:1-17)

12. We believe that the term 'marriage' has only one meaning and that is marriage sanctioned by God which joins one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture. We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to only occur between a man and a woman who are married to each other. We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman. We believe that any form of sexual immorality, such as adultery, fornication, homosexuality, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, pornography or any attempt to change one's sex, or disagreement with one's biological sex, is sinful and offensive to God. We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity. Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with scripture nor the doctrines of the church. (Prov. 18:22; Matt. 19:4-6; Hebrews 13:4; Matt. 5:27-28; I Cor. 6:9-10; Rom. 1:26)
13. We believe in aggressively contending for the faith against atheism, agnosticism, liberalism, the so-called scientific adulterations of Scripture and compromise with unbelief. (Psalm 14:1; Romans 1:20-22; John 14:6; Psalm 119:89; Matthew 24:35; I Timothy 6:20-21; II Corinthians 6:14-18)
14. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ has commissioned believers to take the Gospel to the world, and that the evangelization and edification of the believer is the primary purpose of every Christian and every Christian institution. (Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 1:8; I Timothy 4:11; Acts 5:42; II Timothy 2:2)



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