

# INTERNATIONAL THESPIAN SOCIETY



## IE's and Scholarship Opportunities!!



**So You Want to do an IE or College Scholarship at Michigan Thespian Festival .....**  
**Step One: Become an ITS member!**

### How Do I Join the Thespian Society?

- Go to [www.dexterdrama.org](http://www.dexterdrama.org) and CLICK on the “**Club Activities**” tab at the top of the page, then click “**Thespian**” from the drop-down menu.
- Scroll to the part of the page that says “Become a Thespian Member of ” Fill out the membership Google form on the page and pay as instructed. Joining the society requires a single fee of \$100 that covers your entire time in high school.

### How Do I Sign Up For the Thespian Festival?

- Go to [www.dexterdrama.org](http://www.dexterdrama.org) and CLICK the “**Club Activities**” tab at the top of the page, then click “**Thespian**” from the drop-down menu.
- Scroll down to the “**Register for Thespian Festival**” button, and click it!
- Fill out the google form with your information
- Select the “**thespian festival payment**” button and pay as instructed (approx. \$350)
- If you are a senior and want to audition for the Thespian Scholarship, approach Mrs. Palmer and more information is also on the Thespian Festival page!
- All who are interested in attending festival must be signed up by **OCTOBER 20TH**

### What is an “IE”?

The Michigan Thespian Festival hosts numerous judications (IEs or Independent Events, also known as **THESPYs**) in various categories. You perform in front of judges and are awarded a score (Superior, Excellent, Good), very similar to Choir, Orchestra, and Band Solo and Ensemble. Here are the IE categories you can participate in:

- Solo, duet, or group musical theater
- Solo, duet or group acting
- Solo, duet or group dance
- Costume design
- Costume construction
- Lighting design
- Playwriting
- Directing
- Sound design
- Stage management
- Makeup design
- Scenic design
- Short film
- Theater marketing
- Props design

If you have any questions about the Thespian Festival or International Thespian Society, please feel free to email  
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Visit [dexterdrama.org](http://dexterdrama.org) and [michiganthespians.org](http://michiganthespians.org) for more information!

## Wanna See How it's Done?

Surprise! The Dexter Drama Club Website has a page for that!

- Go to [dexterdrama.org](http://dexterdrama.org)
- Find the “**club activities**” tab
- Select “**Thespian**” from the drop down menu
- Click “**Thespian Festival**”
- Scroll to the bottom and click “**Thespy Examples**” to see previous students’ performances

## How Do I Sign Up For an IE?

- Go to [www.dexterdrama.org](http://www.dexterdrama.org)
- Click the “**Club Activities**” tab at the top of the page
- Select “**Thespian**” in the drop down bar
- Click “**Thespian Festival**”
- Click the “**sign up form**” for festival
- Along with the registration for festival, you may then select which thespsy/IE you are interested in, and a backup category
- (To Participate in an IE, you **MUST** be an ITS member)

## IE Due Dates

### Friday, October 20, 2023

- **THESPY** sign-up due (via Delegate Reg Form & on OpenWater)
- Festival sign-up and payment due

### Friday, November 10, 2023

- **THESPY** playwriting and film submissions due to OpenWater

\*\* Read ALL the Thespy info to find the links and instructions on how to submit work for those categories! (you must still be listed as competing on the event tab on the Delegate/Reg Form that is due Oct. 20th!)

## What Is a College Scholarship?

At Festival, SENIORS have the amazing opportunity to apply/audition for **college scholarships**. For an extra fee of \$40 you can perform in front of judges and representatives from a variety of mostly Michigan colleges or universities in hopes of being offered theater scholarships of varying amounts. Scholarships are given to both student performers and technicians. Dexter High Troupe 2258 may also choose to send TWO students to audition/interview for the **Michigan Thespian Scholarship**. This is a \$500 scholarship that can be used for any school related use and is only awarded to TEN students from each state (very big deal for the students and the program!)



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## How Do I Sign Up For a College Scholarship?

- If you are a SENIOR and would like to apply for a college scholarship, Go to [www.dexterdrama.org](http://www.dexterdrama.org)
- Click the “**Club Activities**” tab at the top of the page
- select “**Thespian**” in the drop down bar
- Click “**Thespian Festival**”
- Scroll to the “**College Scholarship and Thespian Scholarship Information**” section and click on “**application procedures**”
- From there, follow the instructions and submit your application through “**acceptd**”.

## Scholarship Due Dates

### Friday, November 10, 2023

- **College Scholarship** submissions due
- **Thespian Scholarship** submissions due

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