

Ocean County Teen Arts Festival

Festival Guidelines

- Students must be 13 - 19 years old.
- Plan to arrive between 7:45 - 8:15am. Check-in will take place in the Grunin Center. A Welcome Session to review the day will begin at 8:30am in the Theatre, and Adjudications and Workshops begin promptly at 9:00am.
- The schedule and time limits will be strictly followed. Please arrive 5 minutes early to each adjudication. Adjudication schedules will be published online the Wednesday prior to the Festival.
- Signs will be posted during the festival, directing students to buildings.
- The Larson Student Center will be open and students will be able to purchase or bring their lunch.
- Students may request multiple adjudications as the schedule permits. All students participating in the festival are entitled to at least one adjudication. Multiple requests for adjudication for the same student may be permitted depending on the submissions received.
- Students in all disciplines will have the opportunity to be chosen by festival adjudicators go on to the Salute to Ocean County: A Celebration of Arts and Heritage event, hosted by the Ocean County Cultural and Heritage Commission. Schools will be notified the week following the county festival if their students received a nomination for the Salute. The Jay and Linda Grunin Foundation sponsors awards for students at the Salute. Two are announced that night and based upon student performances. Award winners are chosen by Grunin Foundation staff and commissioners from the Ocean County Cultural and Heritage Commission. All students who have been Critiqued for Excellence are invited onto the stage to be honored at the end of the Salute event. At this time award winners are announced and awards are given by the Grunin Foundation. Award winners are not announced prior to the event, and winners **must be present** to receive their prize, so we strongly encourage students to attend the event.
- School registration for the state festival is completely separate from the Ocean County Teen Arts Festival.
- The Ocean County Teen Arts Festival reserves the right to take photographs and video of students, all art work and activities during the festival. These images will become property of the Ocean County Teen Arts Festival.