Honor Troupe CRITERIA

REMEMBER: You are not in competition with other Thespian Troupes. Honor Troupe recognition is to promote excellence within your troupe and to challenge your troupe to achieve greater things in the future. Any number of troupes can be recognized each year.

1. Honor Troupe Awards will be divided into three categories: bronze, silver, and gold. The timeframe for troupe activities one school calendar year. Applications are due at/by Leadership Conference for the previous year's activities. The awards will be announced at the State Thespian Conference.
2. Any school that meets the criteria, completes the necessary paperwork, and successfully participates in an interview session may earn an Honor Troupe Award. Any number of troupes may be honored in each category.
3. Each troupe is responsible for submitting a portfolio. Included in the portfolio should be evidence of involvement which can be shown through pictures, newspaper clippings, minutes of Thespian meetings, correspondence, etc. There must be proof for all activities. **The book must be in the order listed on the Honor Troupe Application.**
4. One student should be selected to participate in the interview process in order to answer any questions about the application and scrapbook.
5. The Thespian Troupe does not need to be present at the State Thespian Conference to receive recognition.
6. In order to achieve each level, the troupe must score at the designated level or above in all categories.

	BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD
COMMUNITY/SCHOOL SERVICE	1 project	2 projects	3 projects

These projects give back to the community and/or the school. The troupe will participate in such activities as community food drives, fundraising for non-profit organizations, beautification projects, etc. These projects can be theatre related, but do not have to be. The project counts if a number representing at least 50% of your inducted Thespians participates for a minimum of one hour on the project. (examples of proof: photographs of the event, thank you letter from the organization, news clippings, newsletter mentioning the workers, etc.)

TROUPE IMAGE BOOSTING	1 project	2 projects	3 projects

Troupe image boosting projects introduce the Thespian Troupe to the school and community. The projects can be new or repeated from year to year. (examples of proof: photographs, newsletter, new clippings, programs, etc.)

NEW, INNOVATIVE PROJECT	N/A	1 project	1 project

This project can be anything theatre related and connected to the school's theatre department that hasn't been done in the past. This project can count in **ONE** other category to allow the troupe to continue the new project into the next season. (examples of proof: photographs, newsletter, news clippings, program, etc.)

SOCIAL SERVICE/EDUCATIONAL PLAYS   N/A   **1 play**   **1 play**

This play must be educational or address a social issue. (examples of proof: program, ticket stub, poster, etc.)

TOURING PRODUCTIONS   N/A   **1 production**   **1 production**

Any complete production that is presented in more than one location. This may be a full length or one act play. This production can count in **ONE** other category. (examples of proof: pictures showing the change in venue, program or poster stating the places toured, etc.)

FULL LENGTH PRODUCTIONS   **1 production**   **2 productions**   **2 productions**

(examples of proof: pictures of shows, programs, ticket stubs, posters, etc.)

THESPIAN POINT SYSTEM   **- MAINTAIN AN ACCURATE POINT SYSTEM-**

(examples of proof: copy some members' point sheets)

INDUCTIONS   **- INDUCT NEW MEMBERS INTO YOUR TROUPE-**

(examples of proof: copy of form sent to ITS Home Office, copy of member cards)

YOUR TROUPE APPLICATION BOOK MUST BE IN ORDER OF THE CRITERIA LISTED ABOVE. IF THE BOOK IS NOT IN CORRECT ORDER, THE TROUPE WILL NOT RECEIVE RECOGNITION.

All categories, except "New, Innovative Project," and "Touring Productions" must be separate and distinct. For example, one project cannot count for more than one category. Projects used in the categories "New, Innovative Projects" and "Touring Productions" can count in **ONE** other category each.

Honor Troupe
APPLICATION

TROUPE# _____ **SCHOOL** _____

SPONSOR'S NAME _____ **PHONE** _____

PRESIDENT'S NAME _____

_____ Community/Educational Service Projects- list them
1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

_____ Troupe Image Boosting- list activities
1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

_____ New, Innovative Project- give name of project
1. _____

_____ Educational/Social Service Plays – give title
1. _____

_____ Touring Productions- give title
1. _____

_____ Full Length Shows- give titles
1. _____ 2. _____

_____ Maintain Thespian point system

_____ Induct new members

_____ Honor Troupe Application book is in the order listed above.

WE FEEL OUR THESPIAN TROUPE HAS REACHED THE LEVEL OF: (circle one)

BRONZE   **SILVER**   **GOLD**

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Troupe President's Signature   Troupe Director's Signature