

MSU SUMMER SCHOLARS

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2-WEEK PRODUCTION CAMP, June 14-28, 2025

Campers develop their talents in music, dance, and drama through intensive classes during the first week. Classes include vocal music, dance, and drama. All scholars practice choral techniques, rehearse basics in contemporary Broadway style and jazz dance, and participate in extemporaneous role-playing activities. Since production camp involves the use of many talents, students with multiple skills, especially those who play musical instruments, will be given special consideration. Activities during the first week will consist of try-outs for the parts in the production, blocking, and initial rehearsals.

Week two is vigorous with full rehearsals off script and on stage. Costumes are fitted, blocking continues, and classes are merged together with dance, spoken parts, and music being integrated for full production rehearsals. Lighting and sound systems are added; make-up is applied; and dress rehearsal completed for two live final productions, to be presented to the public on Friday, June 27, at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday June 28, at 1:00 p.m.

Cost: \$1,350

Priority application deadlines are March 1 and April 1.
Final application deadline is May 20, 2025.



3-WEEK WRITERS' & PRODUCTION CAMPS, June 8-28, 2025

Week One: Writers' Camp

These summer scholars create and develop an original script, write and select music, and build the set for the ON STAGE production. Writers' camp will be organized in two distinct and separate tracks: Scriptwriting and Songwriting. Although there will be ample collaboration among campers in each track, the tracks are designed to give campers focus in either scriptwriting or songwriting. The two groups will provide input on other aspects of the original musical production, but each track will focus a separate aspect of creating an original musical comedy.

Cost: \$1,950

Priority deadlines are March 1 and April 1, 2025.
Final deadline is May 20, 2025.

Scriptwriting Track (grades 7-12, limited to 12)

With the help of experienced theatre teachers and writers the scriptwriting track focuses on writing the overall story, characters, and dialogue of the production.

Music Composition Track (grades 7-12, limited to 9)

The songwriting track is designed to teach students about the art of songwriting and song production that will be performed in the original play. Students will also learn music theory.

Week Two & Three: All participants from Writers' Camp join Production Camp for the next two weeks.

Participants will form several theatre companies, one for each act.

For additional information, please go to www.summerscholarsonstage.msstate.edu or contact Stephen Cunetto at Stephen.Cunetto@msstate.edu.

SUMMER SCHOLARS ON STAGE IS AN ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO FREE CAMP



**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:
REQUIRED OF ALL CAMPERS EACH YEAR**

- Current official sealed transcript including most recent standardized test scores

REQUIRED FOR ALL NEW CAMPERS:

- A letter of recommendation from one of the following:
 - School choral director/music teacher/drama teacher
 - Voice teacher or church choir director
 - Performing arts professional
 - Director of an event in which you performed
- Demonstration of talent. Applicants may send a five minute video audition recording demonstrating talent in music, drama, or dance. A video of a recent production delineating character is acceptable. Live auditions may be scheduled upon request. OR
- Verification of current or past participation in a state appointed program for gifted or talented students.

REQUIRED OF ALL 3-WEEK CAMPERS:

- Applicants must submit all materials required for Production Camp and specify which track they prefer. In addition, applicants must submit samples as follows:
- **Scriptwriting Track:** An original 1,200-word short story (5-pages, double space, one inch margin) or play which applicant has written. (Previous participants in Writers’ Camp **are** required to submit a new short story.)
- **Songwriting Track:** 2 pages of original lyrics and recording of an original song.

FINAL PAYMENTS:

Final payments are due two weeks before the date of the camp unless other arrangements are made.

- Writers’ / Production Camps \$1,950
- Production Camp..... \$1,350

The fees include instructional materials, housing, recreation and access to university medical facilities. Meals are included for lunch and dinner during the week. Participants will be on their own for breakfast (residence hall rooms have large refrigerators and microwaves).

CAMP REGISTRATION:

Pre-registration is required and all fees must be paid in advance of the camp. A deposit of \$150 or the total registration fee must accompany the application form. You will be notified when your application is accepted, and further information about the camp will be sent to you.

Please register online at the e-commerce link: <https://www.ecommerce.msstate.edu/summer-scholars/2025/>.



If you wish to have friends and relatives help sponsor your camp tuition, they may do so at the following link <https://www.ecommerce.msstate.edu/summer-scholars-pledge/3.0/>.

