



**2010 VSA arts Apprenticeship at the  
Williamstown Theatre Festival  
Deadline: February 25, 2010**

**Submission Rules and Procedures**

VSA arts invites students with disabilities, ages 19–24, who are interested in expanding their theater education and knowledge, to apply to be an apprentice at the renowned Williamstown Theatre Festival for the summer of 2010. This is an intense program that provides unique insight into the world of a professional theater.

Every summer, the Williamstown Theatre Festival Apprentice Program in Massachusetts offers promising students classes in acting, voice, and movement. In addition, specialized seminars offer the opportunity to explore more specific aspects of the trade. Discussions and master classes with notable professionals (e.g., Kate Burton, Bill Irwin, Cherry Jones, Bebe Neuwirth, etc.) are also a part of the apprentice experience. Apprentices also learn about the different aspects of running a professional theater company by working in each of the various departments at the Festival (e.g., props, costumes, box office, scene shop, etc.) on a rotating basis. All apprentices audition for Main Stage, Nikos Stage, and Free Theatre shows, with many being cast in smaller roles to supplement the professional company.

Attendance for the full term is required (mid-June–mid-August, 2010). The Williamstown Theatre Festival is part of the Equity Membership Candidate program and EMC points can be obtained. College credit can be arranged through some academic institutions (contact your registrar for more information).

The selected VSA arts apprentices will have all expenses covered by VSA arts, including:

- Application fee (\$30)
- Tuition, room, and board (\$3,500)
- Round-trip coach airfare to and from Williamstown, Massachusetts, including ground transportation
- Travel, room, and board for a personal care assistant, if required
- Reasonable accommodation for the apprentice's disability

**Submission Rules**

1. Apprentices must be U.S. Citizens or permanent residents of the U.S.
2. Apprentices must be students ages 19–24.
3. Apprentices must attend the full term (mid-June–mid-August 2010).
4. Everyone with an interest and the enthusiasm for acting and theater is encouraged to apply – every level of experience will be considered.
5. There is no audition for this program.
6. Apprentices are selected by an application and accompanying materials (listed below).
7. Applications must be submitted with all accompanying materials and received by VSA arts no later than **February 25, 2010**.

8. A disability is defined as a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities. (An impairment is a physiological disorder affecting one or more of a number of body systems, or a mental or psychological disorder).
9. If you supply an e-mail address on the application form, you will receive an e-mail confirming receipt of your application.
10. VSA *arts* is not responsible for loss or damage to entries.

### **Submission Procedures**

You must submit the following materials to be considered for this apprenticeship:

- Completed application form
- A one-page personal statement describing your qualifications and interests in theater
- Three letters of recommendation
- A brief current resume of your education and theater experience
- A recent photo or headshot

### ***Mail application and enclosures to:***

**VSA *arts* Apprenticeship at the Williamstown Theatre Festival  
818 Connecticut Avenue NW  
Suite 600  
Washington, DC 20006**

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