

2026-2027 OLT Youth Group Rules & Regulations

The Oshawa Little Theatre Youth Group Education Program runs from September until May. There will be no formal rehearsals over the December/January Break or the March Break. Extra rehearsals may be added as needed as we approach our show dates. A full schedule is attached, but it is subject to change. **Our show dates are May 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23.** Workshops, rehearsals and performances will take place at Oshawa Little Theatre. Youth group members must be available for all performances.

Lateness: It is important to arrive by 8:45 a.m. for all workshops and rehearsals, which begin promptly at 9 a.m.

Absences and Illness: Consistent attendance is essential for a successful Youth Group Educational Program. The Youth Group Parent Liaison must be advised well in advance of any planned absences. In the event of illness or unpreventable lateness, please contact the Parent Liaison as soon as possible. Youth Group members are not to exceed more than 3 planned absences throughout the year. Any absences after the March Break require special permission from the committee. The Oshawa Little Theatre Youth Group requires a lot of commitment. While we appreciate that participants have other extracurricular activities, the demands of the program may not work with other heavy schedules, such as competitive dance or other shows. Please review the dates carefully before submitting for an audition to ensure you can fully commit. **Absences will not be approved within the 4 weeks prior to opening (black out period).**

Program Registration: Fees will be collected during our registration day on Saturday, September 12th. The fee of \$385 includes professional workshops, training for the year-end production, OLT membership fee for the participant, OLTYG uniform t-shirt, a headshot for the show, as well as a closing cast party. If the fee is a financial challenge, you may apply to the board for a sponsorship grant. Please send your email to education@oshawalittletheatre.com. Fees for the program are non-refundable and are not subject to any tax receipt entitlement. Program fees must be paid in full on registration day. The registration fee is not refundable in the event of a participant's withdrawal or dismissal from the program.

Uniforms must be worn to every rehearsal. The uniform consists of black dance pants, leggings, or sweatpants (capris are allowed but must be below the knee-no shorts), black jazz dance shoes, YG t-shirt & black sweatshirt (if a sweater is required by the participant). One YG t-shirt is included in the registration fee. There is an option to purchase additional t-shirts and a YG logo hoodie/sweatshirt on September 12th during registration. A black t-shirt should be worn until the YG t-shirts are distributed later in the fall.

Cell Phones are not to be used during Youth Group programs or rehearsals. YG members are only permitted to use phones to contact parents to arrange for pick-up. Committee members will confiscate phones if it becomes an issue and will be returned at the end of the day.

Food: Only water will be allowed during rehearsals – a break will be given in the morning (and afternoon when applicable) for YG members to have their snacks.

Breakfast must be consumed before the program begins. During full-day rehearsals, participants will bring their own lunch.

Behaviour: Youth MUST be respectful towards all members of the theatre, including all youth group members, committee members, workshop presenters, and anyone involved in the production (e.g., parent volunteers, artistic team members, backstage crew, etc.).

Dismissal from the program can result from exceeding three approved absences, failure to treat members with respect, and failure to comply with the Youth Group Rules and Regulations.

FAMILY RESPONSIBILITIES:

Volunteer Hours: Families are required to volunteer at least 15 hours of their time and skills leading up to the show and/or during the show run. Family members can choose the schedule that is most convenient for them and can choose their area of interest/skill (e.g., set decoration, set construction, costumes, backstage, hair and makeup, props, lighting and sound). Training will be provided for anyone interested in learning new skills. No experience necessary! More information to come in December! Families are also required to assist with striking the set after the closing show.

Community Appearances: Occasional community performances and events will be scheduled throughout the year. We encourage all youth members to participate as it is a wonderful way to give back to the greater community and also gain valuable performance experience. Examples of appearances include Oshawa's Bright & Merry Market, anthem singing at Oshawa Generals or Oshawa Firewolves games, caroling in local retirement homes, etc.

*Remember to always be respectful of one another and
HAVE FUN!*

We are looking forward to a great year together,

OLT Youth Group Committee