

# FAQS

## **How Many Apprenticeships are Available?**

Between 6-8 Apprenticeships will be selected for each semester.

## **Who is Eligible?**

Students ages 16 and older who are interested in exploring an area of Technical or Business Theatre as a potential career, or in community theatre part time.

## **What is the duration of the program?**

Mentor/Apprenticeships follow two, 5 month semesters October-February and May-September, adhering to strict production schedules.

## **Selection Criteria:**

Variety is the primary criteria for our group. We will need to select participants from different areas of interest (i.e. directors, costume designers, education, etc.) in order to balance the workload for our OHTC Creative Team of Artists. We will also be looking to create a group that is diverse in race, gender & experience from across New Hanover, Brunswick and Pender Counties.

## **Can I apply for an apprenticeship for one semester?**

Yes, however preference will be given to applicants applying for the full term. Apprentices are expected to participate in the full rehearsal schedule alongside your mentor.

## **Can I apply if I have never been in an OHTC show or OHTC class?**

No. You must be currently registered in OHTC classes or (if over 18 years old) have been in two or more OHTC shows.

## **Do Apprentices get paid?**

Yes. As part of the "Earn- While-You-Learn" work study portion of the program, apprentices will apply their new skills working backstage or front of house during OHTC shows at Thalian Hall and each get paid a stipend at the completion of each semester.

## **What additional opportunities are available for Apprentices?**

In addition to hands-on learning experiences with Opera House's Creative Teams, workshops with guest artists will be free for Apprentices.

## **Can I apply to multiple departments?**

Yes. Applicants should select three departments in their order of preference. Available apprenticeships and departments are subject to change every year. 2023 applicants may choose from the following departments:

### **Technical Theatre:**

Stage Management  
Directing  
Music Directing  
Choreography & Education  
Set Design / Build  
Costuming

These positions will follow each of the shows rehearsal & production schedules.

### **Theatre & Business Management:**

Marketing & Design  
Development, Fundraising & Special Events

These positions will align with the season as a whole.

## **What is the timeline for applications, interviews and acceptance?**

Applications are being accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis with interviews scheduled accordingly. It's best to submit your application early as positions will close as they are filled.

**A limited number of 2022 Technical Theatre Apprenticeships are still available & include, Set Building and Music Directing. Those positions will support activities May 2022 through September 2022 with possible invitation to extend into the Winter Semester, October 2022 and January 2023.**

The 2023 cycle of Apprenticeships will begin October 2022

## **To Apply or to Recommend a Potential Apprentice:**

Please email the following information to: OHTC.MA.Program@gmail.com. YourName, Phone, Mailing and Email addresses, DOB, a list of 3 areas you are interested in studying along with an essay explaining your interests. You will be contacted within 2 weeks for an interview.