



GREAT BASIN YOUNG CHAUTAUQUA PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

The purpose of the Great Basin Young Chautauqua program is to provide a productive and supportive environment for young people to learn, explore, and acquire new skills that will help them in their work as students – and beyond. Ultimately, we hope that Young Chautauquans forge deeper connections with historical events and people and increase their understanding of, and engagement with, the humanities.

We have established a set of policies that will guide us in creating a positive experience for all Great Basin Young Chautauqua participants. In order to complete the workshops series and perform at Nevada Humanities Chautauqua events in June, young people must:

- 1) Attend all Young Chautauqua workshops, including all dress rehearsal performances. If you must be absent, please inform the program manager or intern as soon as possible. Valid absences are illnesses and family emergencies. “Too much homework,” is not a valid excuse. Please plan ahead.
- 2) Complete and email a character biography, a brief personal biography, and a costume portrait in digital jpg format to the Young Chautauqua Intern by the due dates noted in the workshops syllabus. If these things are not turned in by the due date they will not appear in the printed program. More information about these assignments will be distributed in a workshop.
- 3) Be prepared with a polished dress rehearsal program and appropriate costume at the end of the workshop series.
- 4) Complete a character timeline by the last dress rehearsal and turn it in to the intern.
- 5) Complete five public performances and turn in a performance record. See the syllabus for dates due.
- 6) Young Chautauquans are also expected:
 - to perform at alternative venues and, when possible, attend other’s performances at alternative venues;
 - to attend Young Chautauqua events and performances for the entire week of Nevada Humanities Chautauqua in June; and
 - to participate in intermission activities and volunteer at Nevada Humanities Chautauqua evening performances.

In addition to meeting these requirements, young scholars may be recommended by their group leaders and program coordinators for participation in the adult Nevada Humanities Chautauqua festival in June. Group leaders may make recommendations on the basis of consistent effort, polish, progress, and group participation.

Veteran Young Chautauquans will be encouraged to act as group leaders and mentors to new and younger program participants. Anyone who has participated for one or more years is encouraged to volunteer as a moderator for the Great Basin Young Chautauqua programs during Nevada Humanities Chautauqua in June.

We have read this information and the information in the attached packet and are excited to be participating as a Great Basin Young Chautauqua family.

Young Chautauquan Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date