



Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

Next August, I'm planning an amazing theater experience in London and Scotland with my classmates from Godwin High School! For two weeks, we'll take part in the largest arts festival in the world, the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. Not only will we see amazing performances, but I'll perform on an international stage, for an international audience, as part of the 16<sup>th</sup> annual American High School Theatre Festival (AHSTF).

Not just any school can participate in AHSTF. To be considered, schools must be nominated by local theater professionals and then complete a lengthy application which is reviewed, and ranked, by AHSTF's Board. Our invitation is very exclusive as less than 4% of nominated schools were invited to participate!

Here are some of the awesome activities that are planned for us as participants in AHSTF:

- **Performances on an International Stage:** My school's theater troupe will perform at one of Edinburgh's and AHSTF's premier venues for theater lovers from around the world! This is a dream come true for my school.
- **Performance on the Royal Mile:** The Royal Mile is the main thoroughfare for the Fringe Festival and extends between Edinburgh Castle and Holyrood Palace. During the Fringe, hundreds of thousands of theater enthusiasts descend onto the Mile. As part of AHSTF and the Fringe, my school will perform a part of our show on the Royal Mile stage. This is an amazing experience that I can't wait to do!
- **See world-renowned theater:** Each year, over 2000 theater groups from around the world perform at the Fringe. My friends and I will have the opportunity to attend many of these performances.
- **Make new friends:** My friends and I will participate in AHSTF along with other schools from across the United States. I can't wait to meet other kids who are just as passionate about theater.
- **World famous touring:** When we're not performing, practicing or in the audience, we will do some incredible sightseeing. In London we'll see a **West End Show** and spend a day touring with a local guide. We'll even have the opportunity to participate in a Theatre Workshop at **Shakespeare's Globe Theatre!** In Edinburgh, we'll participate in a full-day guided tour to one of Scotland's greatest castles, **Stirling Castle**, and get a taste of Highland Scotland as we travel through the **Trossachs**. We will attend the world famous **Edinburgh Military Tattoo**, set against the magnificent backdrop of Edinburgh Castle. Our school will even be recognized at this event. Finally, we will enjoy a traditional **Ceilidh** Scottish dance extravaganza with other AHSTF groups.

**In order to take part in this life changing adventure, I need to raise \$6,000.** Please help me by sponsoring a portion of my trip. Any contribution you could make would bring me that much closer to this once-in-a-lifetime experience. Please send your contribution to me at (insert student/parent name, mailing address including state and zip code). All donations must be submitted by June 1, 2010.

Thank you for considering my request for help. Call or email me if you have any questions or want to hear more about this life-changing opportunity. You can check out the American High School Theatre Festival's website [<http://www.ahstf.org>] to see videos, photos, and interviews with other kids who have already traveled.

Sincerely,

(Name of Student) (Telephone # and/or email address if desired)

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Yes, I will sponsor (Name of Student) for:

\$25\_\_\_ \$75\_\_\_ \$100\_\_\_ \$150\_\_\_ \$250\_\_\_ Other Amount \$\_\_\_

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Sponsor's Name (please print)

Please attach a check made payable to me: (insert student/parent name)

Mail it to me: (insert mailing address including state and zipcode).

If you would like to talk to the trip organizer, please contact:  
(Mac Damron, Godwin High School, 804-750-2600, email address)