

NAUVOO PRODUCTIONS
Joseph Smith Memorial Building
15 East South Temple, Room 1M Salt Lake City, UT 84150
(801) 240-2340
email: Nauvoo-productions@ldschurch.org

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the **Summer 2012 Young Performing Stage Missionaries**. Twenty Stage Missionaries will be selected and will receive a four-month Church Service Mission call to the Illinois Nauvoo Mission, assigned to serve in Nauvoo.

Applications for Summer 2012 are being accepted and processed September 1, 2011 through November 30, 2011. **Applications received after November 30, 2011 will not be considered.**

Before proceeding with the application process, please review the following **Qualifying Information** for this opportunity:

- Male performers must be single, high school graduates through age 24, and in good health.
- Female performers must be single, high school graduates, 19-24 years of age and in good health.
- Each finalist must pass a worthiness interview with his/her bishop and stake president prior to being called and set apart as a missionary.
- Applicant must speak English fluently.
- Vocal ability is important, as well as dramatic and stage movement/dance experience.
- **At least two** dancers that clog well, two excellent fiddlers and one guitarist must be found among the twenty performers selected.

Note that mission rules apply. The duration of this Church Service Mission is from May 4, 2012 through August 14 2012.

Respectfully,

Craig and Heidi Camp,
Executive Directors

APPLICATION PROCESS

Each applicant must review the following Qualifying Information, as well as the enclosed Nauvoo Short Term Mission Information Sheet which provides important information about the nature of this call.

- Male performers must be single, high school graduates through age 24, and in good health. (Note age requirement must be met by May 4 2012.)
- Female performers must be single, high school graduates, 19-24 years of age and in good health. (Note age requirement must be met by May 4 2012.)
- Each finalist must pass a worthiness interview with his/her bishop and stake president prior to being called and set apart as a missionary.
- Applicant must speak English fluently.
- Vocal ability is important, as well as acting and stage movement/dance experience.
- At least two dancers that clog, two excellent fiddlers and one guitarist must be found among the twenty performers selected.

If you wish to proceed with the application process, you must prepare and submit a **Completed Young Performing Missionary Application Packet** to include Applicant Information Form, Self Evaluation Form, audition video information form and audition video (*see information below*). The completed packet must be **mailed to arrive no later than November 30, 2011** to:

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All completed Application Packets received by the November 30, 2011 deadline will be reviewed. Following this review, you will be advised if you are among those selected to attend further auditions.

Selected applicants will be invited to audition at the Joseph Smith Memorial Building in Salt Lake City, Utah on Saturday, January 7, 2012.

Those who, because of distance or absolutely unavoidable conflicts, cannot attend the audition may be required to send additional information and a second DVD video.

APPLICATION PACKET NOTES:

The **Young Performing Missionary Application Packet** includes the following:

- Completed Applicant Information Form
- Completed Self Evaluation Form
- Video Information Form
- DVD Audition Video
- #
- Recent (within past six months) color photograph (head shot)

Note: The application packet **must be complete** to be considered, and should include all forms, the photo and personal audition video. Each form must be **completed as fully and accurately as possible**. Applicants should include name, address and phone number **on each separate form and/or video**. Forms should be printed or written legibly in **black ink**.

Please re-read these instructions before sealing and mailing the materials requested.

YOUR AUDITION VIDEO:

Each applicant must provide an audition video as part of the application packet. For this video, you must perform the following (in this order):

- Two minutes of an upbeat "Broadway style" song
- Two minutes of a ballad or hymn
- Vocalize scales from applicant's lowest to highest notes
- 1 minute dramatic or comic reading of your choice
- ##### Sample of clogging/dancing, fiddling or guitar talent (if applicable)
- ##### Sample of any musical instrument applicant plays (if applicable)

Video Notes:

- Do NOT exceed the two-minute timeframe allowed for your musical numbers
- Video must be DVD format (*other formats ~~will~~ ~~not~~ ~~be~~ ~~accepted~~*)
- When filming your video, ensure lighting is in front and above you
- Perform in front of a light colored, unencumbered wall.
- Check sound levels to ensure that any additional accompaniment does not overpower your performance. Do NOT use professional sound enhancement with your vocal presentation.
- Review the video before you send it to make sure it works.

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THE NAUVOO SHORT TERM MISSION

Mission Purpose

From May 4 to August 14, 2012 the Young Performing Stage Missionaries (**YPSM**) perform in four daily/evening musical shows: “*Just Plain Anna Amanda*” (performed in the Cultural Hall), “*High Hopes and River Boats*” (Performed in the Visitors’ Center), “*Rendezvous in Old Nauvoo*” (performed in the Cultural Hall) and “*Sunset By the Mississippi*” (performed on the Nauvoo Outdoor Stage.) These are produced for the purpose of educating and entertaining visitors who come to Nauvoo and to share the restored gospel through music and word.

Mission Rules

As a Church Service Missionary, all rules set out in the Missionary Handbook must be followed. Young Performing Missionaries are not required to attend the MTC in Provo but will be part of the Illinois Nauvoo Mission and will serve directly under the Illinois Nauvoo Mission President.

Expenses

- **Travel:** The Church pays a portion of travel expenses to and from Nauvoo. Air travel is arranged by the Church Travel Department.

- **Living Expenses:** Total costs for Young Performing Missionaries, excluding travel, averages \$1250.00. This includes rent (\$75) food/meals and incidentals.

Personal Behavior

- Young Performing Missionaries live in close quarters: Elders in one house, Sisters in another. A generous, loving spirit toward others, coupled with clean and orderly habits, have a direct correlation to a successful missionary experience.
- Good physical and mental health must be maintained: personal health programs must be controlled without assistance from the mission.
- YPMs must abide by the Missionary White Handbook guidelines including Church Missionary schedule (companion study, personal study, lights out at 10:30pm, remain at arm's length with members of the opposite sex wear appropriate missionary attire, no shorts, etc.)
- YPMs must be good housekeepers, keep a neat bedroom, ensure consistent immediate cleanup of common kitchen areas after personal use, and show respect for others' property.

Telephone

NO telephone calls to parents or friends. No other long distance telephone calls. No e-mail or use of computers without the consent of the Mission President.

Serving in Nauvoo is a rare privilege. Each year more than 200 worthy young members apply for this opportunity. Only twenty Young Performing Stage Missionary calls are issued each year. Talent, training, and experience are very important to casting the productions. However, character traits such as spiritual maturity, obedience to the mission rules, and enthusiasm for the missionary cause weigh heavily in the final selection of those called.

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APPLICANT INFORMATION
(Please **PRINT** all information legibly in **BLACK INK**)

APPLICANT: _____
Current Address: _____
City: _____ State _____ Zip _____
Applicant Email: _____
Parents (names) _____
Address _____
Telephone (include area code): _____ 9aU: _____ S _____

**If not living at home, identify Bishop and Stake President where your current membership records are located (use other side for more room if necessary)*

Home Ward: _____
Home Bishop: _____
Home Address: _____

University Ward: _____
University Bishop: _____
Home Address _____

Telephone () _____

Telephone: () _____

Home Stake _____
Home Stake President: _____
Home Address _____

University Stake _____
University Stake President _____
Home Address _____

Telephone () _____

Telephone: () _____

IF YOU ARE A RETURNED MISSIONARY, COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

Mission President's Name	Home Address	Home Telephone
_____	_____	_____
Name of Mission _____		
Dates Served _____		

Please Note: Indicate email address where you wish *notification of auditions and audition results* to be mailed:

Sign and return this form with your DVD and other required forms by November 30, 2011.

_____ Date: _____
(Your Signature)

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SELF EVALUATION FORM

PLEASE **PRINT** legibly in **BLACK INK**. Complete **each line** so the information in your file is accurate.

NAME _____

Age _____	Birth date: _____	
Telephone _____	Height: _____	
Email _____		
Home Address _____		
City	ST	ZIP
School Address _____		
City	ST	ZIP
Vocal Range _____		
<i>(please use piano)</i>	Low	High

**If you need assistance determining your vocal range, please ask a music professional.*

Do you sing (*select one*) Sop. ___ 2nd Sop ___ Alto ___ Tenor ___ Baritone ___ Bass ___

List experience with choir and/or vocal performance:

List experience with theatrical stage performance:

List experience with dance, clogging, and any musical instruments you play:

List **ANY** health problems, surgeries in the past 3 years, and **ALL** medications you are taking:

Evaluation Yourself (*from 1 to 10, 10 being the highest*):

Ability to work with others ___ Housekeeping ___ Obedience to Authority ___ Peer Acceptance ___

Where did you hear about Nauvoo Productions? (*example: Church News, Bishop, etc.*)

I am able to leave for Nauvoo on the **FRIDAY MAY 4 2012**: ___ YES ___ NO

I have read the form "The Nauvoo Short Term Mission" and agree to conform to requirements listed therein (initial) _____

PLEASE NOTE: This form must be completed in its entirety and returned, with the rest of the required application packet materials, no later than November 30, 2011.

 (*Your Signature*) Date: _____

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VIDEO OR DVD INFORMATION SHEET
(Be sure this sheet is included with your Video/DVD before mailing)

PLEASE **PRINT** legibly in **BLACK INK**.
Complete **each line** so the information in your file is accurate.

Name			
Home Address			
	<i>City</i>	<i>ST</i>	<i>ZIP</i>
Telephone	()	Email	

List Song/Hymn Titles:

List clogging and/or musical instrument demonstrated (if applicable)

PLEASE ATTACH OR TAPE BELOW A RECENT (taken in the past 12 months) PHOTO OF YOURSELF



**NOTE: Mail ALL required information and video
to Nauvoo Productions by November 30 2011.**