



INFORMATION SHEET FOR 2020-2021 SEASON

Mission:

Teen Angel Project is a 501(c)(3), non-profit program for middle and high school students whose mission is to bring joy to communities in need, through song and dance. Teen Angel Project (TAP) performs wherever music could brighten a life. As a parent and student conceived community services organization, Teen Angel Project is committed to fostering a socially conscious performing company.

Accomplishments:

In September, 2020, TAP will begin its ninth season. Our purpose in the community has never been more clear. In the midst of a global pandemic that affects all of us, TAP is adapting its program to embrace web-based technology to support both our educational program and our service to the community. In the upcoming season, we hope to embark on new relationships with our community as well as strengthen existing ones: the many senior living centers in our area, other local non-profits, and national organizations such as the Make-A-Wish Foundation, the National Race To End Women's Cancer in DC, and the National Institutes of Health. The current world health crisis is putting a spotlight on organizations like Teen Angel Project, as our partners look to us and to you to keep the music playing, to raise their spirits, and to spread our unique message of community and hope.



Calendar and Program:

We are looking for talented performers who are dedicated to this mission. It is very important that you be able to commit to rehearsals and performances. In return, we are committed to providing quality programming for our audiences and enriching your performing arts experience. That can only be achieved through your complete participation. We award Student Service Learning (SSL) Hours, as Teen Angel Project is approved for SSL through MCPS.



In general, TAP (9-12th grade) and TAPjr (6 – 9th grade) rehearse Saturdays between 9am – 12pm. at the Bender Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington on Montrose Road in Rockville. Our season runs from September through June. There will be approximately 10 – 15 performances throughout the season, including *TAPESTRY*, our musical revue in the spring. More information will be forthcoming regarding our rehearsal and performance schedule for 2020 to 2021.

TAP-In-Training:

We offer our TAP-In-Training (TNT) program to younger performers entering grades 5 and 6, to introduce them to



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Teen Angel Project and give them the opportunity to build skills and experience. TNT ensemble members attend regular TAP rehearsals on Saturday mornings from 9am- 12pm, shadow members of TAPjr. to learn their repertoire and at the discretion of the Artistic Team, are selected throughout the year to perform in the numbers that they master. TNT members in good standing will have the opportunity to re-audition for TAPjr. for the following season.

Because we cannot guarantee that TNT members will perform in all TAPjr. Performances, the tuition is discounted to \$400 for the year. The cost for the TNT Wing Kit (including the uniformed TAP T-shirts and 1/4 zip sweatshirt) is a \$50 one-time fee. The embroidered TAP duffel bag and team jackets are optional for TAP-In-Training members, available at an additional cost.

TNT members are also highly encouraged to enroll in voice lessons and a jazz dance class throughout the season. Teen Angel Project is focused on the fundamentals of music and dance, which TNT members are expected to know when graduating to TAP Jr. the following season.



Cost:

Tuition covering participation in the full season of programming in 2020-2021 is \$750 per performer, with \$250 due upon acceptance. Tuition is non-refundable. There are also personal items that you will have to provide like dance shoes, tights etc. New members must also purchase our "Wing Kit," consisting of an embroidered jacket, ¼ zip sweatshirt, travel bag, and t-shirt for \$150. Road Show and *TAPESTRY* costumes are provided by the organization and must be returned at the end of each season. Dues cover about 50-60% of our operating costs, with the balance coming from our supportive donor community. As Teen Angel Project is a volunteer run organization (supported by a contracted professional artistic team), we also expect each family to give a minimum of 10 hours of volunteer time over the course of the year to support the performers and our mission. This also provides the opportunity for family members of performers to get to know one another. A range of volunteer opportunities is available.