

La Jolla Playhouse Student Matinee Frequently Asked Questions

How do I apply for a free student matinee at La Jolla Playhouse?

Our applications for the school year are posted at the end of the previous school year and have specific deadlines to adhere to for each performance.

How many tickets does each school receive?

We offer each selected teacher 40 tickets (this includes students and chaperones). We require at least one chaperone for a group of 40 tickets. Please note that we have three theaters where our matinees may take place—these spaces all have different capacities which changes the number of teachers we can accept. You can always apply for less than 40 tickets, but we will not provide more than 40 tickets to any group.

How are schools chosen for the free student matinee program?

We use a rubric to consider a number of factors including: access to a previous LJP student matinee, Title 1 status, teacher commitment to our Educator Night and helping to prepare students by using our curriculum guide. We encourage everyone to apply.

Who are LJP Student Matinees for?

Our student matinees are for San Diego County High School students. Occasionally we have a play or musical that suits a middle school audience, and we will note that on the application page.

What is the Educator commitment?

Every educator who is accepted into the student matinee program and receives 40 free tickets must commit to:

- Attend our mandatory educator night (date indicated with application) which includes a meal, a preview of our online curriculum guide, and a ticket to the show.
- Preparing your students to see the show using the educator guide materials and lesson plans + your knowledge you gain from seeing the performance.
- Sharing student work around the show with LJP Staff.
- Helping to create thank you documentation with students to provide to our generous donors.
- Host a LJP Teaching Artist for ONE post matinee workshop with your matinee student participants at your school site. Date to be chosen once you are accepted into the program.

Can we just buy tickets to the student matinee?

No. Tickets to our student matinee are free thanks to the generous donations of individuals and sponsors. If you wish to purchase student discount tickets for an evening or weekend day show, please contact groupsales@ljp.org.

Do we need to provide a photo release for our students?

Agreeing to attend the performance consents to any media captured the day of the field trip. However, please notify our staff on the day of any students that need to opt out.

Does La Jolla Playhouse provide busses?

No, we do not provide busses, but highly recommend our community partners at [ArtsBusXpress](#) who provide transportation for field trips.

When do students eat lunch?

We leave this up to the educator. Each performance begins at 10:30 am, and we will notify you of the show length so you can plan accordingly. You are welcome to remain in our plaza to eat lunches following the performance.