

Kids In The Spotlight Award Application Form 2026

Julia Zuppa has created the Kids In The Spotlight Award to fund up to five grants per year for five children between the ages of 6 and 12 to cover the costs of attending one week of summer camp at the Ottawa School of Theatre (OST), starting in 2024. Julia's mission in creating this grant is to help youths gain more confidence, become more comfortable with themselves and find their own voice through theatre. This is what theatre has done for her. Awards for the Summer of 2026 will be awarded by the end of February.

Eligibility guidelines:

- Applicants must be between the ages of 6 and 12.
- Applicants must be comfortable conversing in either English or French (bilingual is not required).

Application details and questions:

Application packages can be emailed to office@ost-eto.ca or dropped off at the Ottawa School of Theatre (OST), inside the Shenkman Arts Centre at 245 Centrum Blvd. in Orleans. Applications are due by February 6, 2026. Please include in the body of the email, or in a printed document if sending a physical copy, answers to the following questions.

- 1) Name of child
- 2) Date of birth
- 3) Have you taken any theatre classes (including camps) at OST (or anywhere) before?
Yes or no
- 4) What is your primary language?
- 5) In 600 words or less, please answer the following question :
What makes you want to spend a week at theatre camp?
- 6) Do you require financial assistance?
Yes or no
- 7) Name of parent or caregiver, phone number and email address.

Please note that the selection committee will make every effort to have a variety of age groups, and language profiles represented. Priority will go to kids for whom this will be their first experience with theatre and who require financial assistance. All applicants will be contacted once the selection has been made.