



Dear Arts Academy America Applicant:

**Congratulations!** You have been accepted as a participant in the 2017 Arts Academy America in the level and content area specified on your personalized packet. The Academy will be held July 9-14, 2017 on the campus of Belmont University in Nashville. **The following items must be returned to the TAA office by the due date specified on your personalized packet in order to confirm your enrollment.**

1. **Payment Options**

- A. **Check for non-refundable registration fee of \$495 (single payment) plus additional fees if you are requesting housing and/or a linen packet.** If your school, school system or other organization is sending a check for your registration fee, remember to verify with your school system that the check has been sent. *New for 2017!* **All checks must be made payable to: Tennessee Arts Academy Foundation**
- B. **Credit Card for non-refundable registration fee of \$515 which includes \$495 registration fee plus \$20 administration fee.** See **Summary of 2017 AAA Acceptance Confirmation Process** form for the link to the TAA credit card portal.
2. **Acceptance Form** (*attached & available online*). Return original form to the TAA office even if you are sending a copy of it to your school system for approval (and/or as part of a check-request or credit card payment).
3. **Campus Release Form** (*attached & available online*). The form is required by Belmont University for all major on-campus events.
4. **Photo/Audio Release Form** (*attached & available online*). The form gives Tennessee Arts Academy and Belmont University permission to take photographs, videos and audio recordings of participants during on-campus events.
5. **Summary Form** (*attached & available online*). This form will help guide you through the Academy registration process.
6. **Dietary and Medical Information Form.**

**Failure to return all forms and fees by the deadline date will result in removing your application from the 2017 AAA acceptance roster.** Should you decide not to return your acceptance packet for whatever reason, please send us notification by email indicating you are unable to attend the Arts Academy America. This will allow us to open your reserved spot for another deserving applicant.

We have also included an informational sheet outlining academic and professional credit opportunities.

Please mail, email and/or FAX all forms and fees to:

Tennessee Arts Academy  
c/o Belmont University  
1900 Belmont Boulevard  
Nashville, TN 37212  
FAX: 615-460-6057  
taa@belmont.edu

**Reminders:**

- Please understand that by accepting, you agree to attend all Academy sessions beginning with Sunday afternoon and evening events (including Registration, Content Area meetings, and the Academy Opening Sessions).
- This acceptance is awarded only to the person here named and is not transferable.
- Due to liability issues and the intensity of the Academy schedule, it is our policy that no one brings children of any age to the Tennessee Arts Academy/Arts Academy America.
- Belmont University prohibits pets on campus.
- Belmont University is a tobacco-free campus.

In early June of 2017, we will send you a packet detailing information you will need for your arrival and registration.

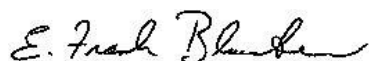
If you experience any difficulty with the attachments from this e-mail, please note that all of the above forms are available for easy downloading from the Academy WEB site at:

<http://www.tennesseeartsacademy.org/academy-essentials/participant-forms.aspx>

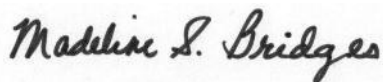
If you would like to receive hard copies of these forms, please e-mail us (taa@belmont.edu) or call the TAA office (615-460-5451) and we will be glad to accommodate your request. Also, the TAA website contains a press release announcing your Academy acceptance. We encourage you to complete and distribute this release to media outlets in your area. The form can be downloaded by visiting: <http://www.tennesseeartsacademy.org/academy-essentials/participant-forms.aspx>

Our goal is to make the 2017 TAA/AAA experience the most exciting, stimulating, and useful to date. We have made a few changes, including a slightly modified daily schedule, to help streamline the day. As always, look for a few surprises to be thrown in throughout the week. Thank you so much for deciding to join us. We look forward to seeing you this summer in Nashville!

Sincerely,



Frank Bluestein  
TAA/AAA Managing Director



Madeline Bridges, TAA/AAA Project Director  
Associate Dean, Belmont University School of Music

The Tennessee Arts Academy is a program of the Tennessee Department of Education and is funded under a grant contract with the State of Tennessee. Additional support for the Tennessee Arts Academy is provided by the Tennessee Arts Academy Foundation, Belmont University, Tennessee Arts Commission and private donors.

Return this form by the deadline date indicated in your acceptance letter.

**Arts Academy America**  
**PARTICIPANT ACCEPTANCE FORM – Page 1 of 2**  
July 9-14, 2017

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Will attend \_\_\_\_\_ Will not attend \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print)

Name as you wish it to appear on name badge \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print)

Name as you wish it to appear on certificate of participation \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print)

Please circle unisex t-shirt size you prefer: S M L XL XXL XXXL or No t-shirt

Need for Housing: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ (If you need housing, see below.)  
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**Campus Housing (Dorm Room)**

TAA/AAA offers three on-campus housing options. Prices and room types vary and are limited in number.  
**Please Note:** At this point in time, TAA cannot guarantee room assignment locations, specific dorm buildings or dorm types. Some dorm options may not be available this coming summer due to renovations and other Belmont campus events.

*(Check which type of housing you would like below and transfer the amount to the Summary page)*

**Housing fees for rooms and linen packs must be sent to TAA office with registration fee.** If you would like to pay your housing fees with a credit card, see **Summary of 2017 AAA Acceptance Confirmation Process** form for the link to the TAA credit card portal.

**Housing Options:**

- Option 1\*** 4 participants in a double suite (2 in one room and 2 in a second room) with a shared bath  
\$189 per week [If paying by credit card - \$197 per week (\$189 + \$8 administration fee)] - *Most Economical*
- Option 2** 2 participants in a double suite (2 private bedrooms) with shared bath  
\$289 per week [If paying by credit card - \$301 per week (\$289 + \$12 administration fee)]
- Option 3** Private rooms with private bath  
\$499 per week [If paying by credit card - \$519 per week (\$499 + \$20 administration fee)]

**Linen Packet (Optional):** \$30 [If paying by credit card - \$32 (\$30 + \$2 administration fee)]  
*(pillowcase, 2 sheets, 1 blanket, 2 towels & wash cloth) \_\_\_\_\_ YES*  
*(a limited amount of pillows are available upon request)*

Roommate Gender Request: Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

Specific Roommate/Suitemate Request (optional): \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Please print name of person with whom you wish to room.)*

*Return this form by the deadline date indicated in your acceptance letter.*

**Arts Academy America  
PARTICIPANT ACCEPTANCE FORM – Page 2 of 2**

**Your signature below indicates agreement to the following FOR THE 2017 TENNESSEE ARTS ACADEMY/ARTS ACADEMY AMERICA:**

My signature below serves to confirm my participation in the 2017 Tennessee Arts Academy/Arts Academy America. My signature also indicates that I agree to attend all Academy sessions including the Sunday afternoon and evening events (registration, content area meetings, the Academy opening sessions), regular class sessions, musings, performances and special event activities. I understand that I must be present for the entire Academy week in order to be eligible to receive Arts Academy supplies and resources, to receive appropriate professional development credit hours and the Tennessee Arts Academy course completion certificate. I UNDERSTAND THAT IF I CANCEL AFTER SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT AND PAYING THE REGISTRATION FEE, I WILL FORFEIT ALL PAYMENTS. I understand that TAA cannot guarantee room assignment locations or specific dorm buildings. I understand that neither TAA nor Belmont University is responsible for the safety or security of personal property brought to the Belmont campus.

I UNDERSTAND THAT TAA HAS THE FINAL DECISION ON ALL ATTENDANCE POLICIES BOTH PRIOR TO AND DURING THE ACADEMY SESSION.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Your signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

*Return this form by the deadline date indicated in your acceptance letter.*

**Belmont University**  
**Tennessee Arts Academy/Arts Academy America**  
**Photo/Audio Release Form**

I hereby give Belmont University, including Tennessee Arts Academy/Arts Academy America, its employees, licensees, and agents, the absolute and irrevocable right and permission with respect to the photographs, audio recording, and/or video recording taken of me or in which I may be included with others during Tennessee Arts Academy/Arts Academy America activities to:

- (a) copyright the photograph/audio recording/video footage in the university's name or Academy photographer/recorder/videographer's name;
- (b) use, re-use, publish and republish the same in whole or in part, individually or in conjunction with other photographs/footage, in any medium, including the Internet; and
- (c) use my name and biographical information in connection therewith if so desired.

I hereby release and discharge Belmont University, its trustees, officers, employees, licensees and agents from any and all claims and demands arising out of or in connection with the use of the photographs, audio recording, or video footage, including all claims for invasion of privacy and appropriation.

This authorization and release shall also ensure to the benefit of the legal representatives, licensees, and assigns of Belmont University as well as the person(s) for whom the photographs, audio recording, or video is taken.

I have read the foregoing and fully understand its contents.

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Signature

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Print Name

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Date

*Return this form by the deadline date indicated in your acceptance letter.*

**BELMONT UNIVERSITY  
ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND RELEASE AGREEMENT**

1. This is a legally-binding Assumption of Risk and Release Agreement made by \_\_\_\_\_ (name of AAA participant), to Belmont University signed on \_\_\_\_\_ (today's month, day and year).
2. I make this Agreement in consideration of being permitted by Belmont University to participate in the Tennessee Arts Academy/Arts Academy America, July 9-14, 2017. I understand that participation in the Arts Academy may include but not be limited to the following activities: a) Instruction in art, music, drama including hands on experience with various art media; b) Participation in public performances; c) Travel to and from motels, restaurants and area museums in vehicles operated by Belmont University. I understand that the university does not require me to participate in these activities.
3. I recognize that there are risks and hazards directly or inherently involved, making these and related activities potentially dangerous. With full knowledge of the facts and circumstances surrounding these activities, I voluntarily agree to assume all the risks and responsibilities of my participation in them, including all risk of loss of limb or life, property damage, or injury to others.
4. I, on behalf of myself, my family, heirs and legal representatives release, waive, and forever discharge Belmont University, its agents, employees, officers, and governing board from and against any and all liability, claims and actions that may arise from injury or harm to me, from my death or from damage to my property in connection with this activity. I understand I am solely responsible for the security of any personal property I may bring to Belmont's campus and that this release covers liability, claims and actions caused entirely or in part by any acts or failures to act of Belmont University (or its governing board, employees or agents).
5. I further grant permission for Belmont University, its agents or employees to obtain necessary medical attention in case of my sickness or injury. I consent to any necessary medical examination, diagnosis, or treatment and agree to be responsible for costs of such medical services.
6. I agree that this Agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the State of Tennessee, and that if any portion of this Agreement is held invalid, any such findings shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions which shall remain in full force and effect.
7. I have read this entire Agreement, I fully understand it and I agree to be legally bound by it.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

*Belmont University is a tobacco-free campus.*

# DIETARY AND MEDICAL INFORMATION FORM

Return this form to make the Academy staff aware of any dietary restrictions or medical conditions/physical limitations which will impact your Academy participation. During the Academy week, TAA/AAA will attempt to accommodate needs that have been communicated via this form.

## DIETARY RESTRICTIONS

Participants have many choices for breakfasts and lunches provided by TAA/AAA. Two meals (the Wednesday night banquet and Friday lunch) are served meals.

Please check one of the three options below for the two served meals:

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ No restrictions (*knowing that the catered meals will not include pork or shellfish*)
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_ Simple (vegan, dairy-free, nut-free, gluten-free, soy-free, egg-free)

If you have a severe specific food allergy that would not be accommodated in any choice above, describe here: \_\_\_\_\_

## MEDICAL CONDITIONS/PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS

\_\_\_\_\_ I have no medical conditions or physical limitations that will affect my participation.

\_\_\_\_\_ The following medical condition/s will affect my Academy participation:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ The following physical limitation/s will affect my Academy participation:

\_\_\_\_\_

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taa@belmont.edu  
Fax: 615-460-6057

*If there are any changes to this information prior to the Academy,  
we must be notified no later than July 1.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print TAA/AAA Participant Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print TAA/AAA Content Area

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

Return this form by the deadline date indicated in your acceptance letter.



## Summary of 2017 AAA Acceptance Confirmation Process

**Return all forms listed below to the TAA office by the date specified on your personalized packet.**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Participation Acceptance Form (Page 1 and Page 2)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Photo Release Form
- \_\_\_\_\_ Belmont University Release Form
- \_\_\_\_\_ Payment for Fees: (see Payment Options below)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Dietary and Medical Information Form
- \_\_\_\_\_ Summary Acceptance Confirmation Process Form

**Payment Option A: Mail Check:** for entire amount of \$495 Non-refundable Single Payment Registration Fee plus housing selection (**New for 2017! All checks must be made to: Tennessee Arts Academy Foundation**).

**Payment Option B: Charge:** You can pay with Visa or MasterCard by [clicking here](#): (There is a small administrative fee and all fees must be paid at the same time).

**Payment Option C: Cash:** if you choose to pay by cash, payments must be made in person at the TAA office on the Belmont campus. Please call to arrange an appointment time.

On-campus Housing Selection Costs (optional):

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Housing Option No \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Linen Packet amount (\$30), if selected

**(Total fees) \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

\_\_\_\_\_ (enter the area listed on the letter in your personalized packet) is the AAA content area that you checked on your application form and for which you are being accepted. Please note that changes cannot be made in content areas once you have signed and returned this form.

Participant Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Participant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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615-460-5451 - phone 615-460-6057 - fax  
Questions? - Email: [taa@belmont.edu](mailto:taa@belmont.edu)





# Academic and Professional Credit for 2017 Arts Academy

(Available only to accepted Arts Academy participants)

## **I. University Academic Credit**

### **Options:**

- two (2) or three (3) hours of **undergraduate credit** or
- one (1) or two (2) hours of **graduate credit**

from Belmont University are available for TAA participants who choose to enroll at their own expense. The courses for which credit may be earned include “Special Studies in Art,” “Special Studies in Drama/Theatre,” “Special Studies in General Classroom,” and “Special Studies in Music.”

**Detailed information and all forms related to academic credit (including information about academic credit cost and a syllabus) may be found on the TAA website:**

<http://www.tennesseeartsacademy.org/academy-essentials/academic-credit.aspx>

**If you wish to take the Academy for credit, read all materials on this web page and follow website directions carefully.**

If you have further questions about Academic Credit after reading material on the website, or if you need immediate assistance, email Dr. Madeline S. Bridges (Belmont University professor and Arts Academy Project Director) at [Madeline.Bridges@belmont.edu](mailto:Madeline.Bridges@belmont.edu).

## **II. Professional Licensure Credit**

With prior approval of the local school system, Tennessee teachers who participate in the full Academy experience may receive 36 points toward renewal of their teaching license. [NOTE: It is not necessary to register for Academic Credit through Belmont University to obtain this licensure credit.]

## **III. TASL Credit**

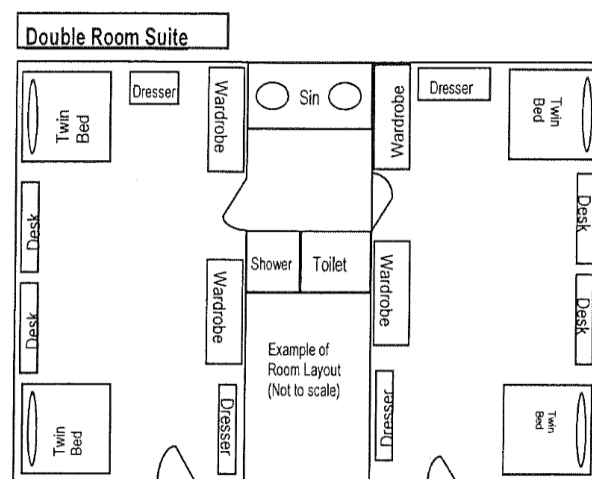
Tennessee principals and supervisors may earn 32 hours of TASL credit by attending all sessions of the Academy.



## PATTON HALL

*(Tentative Dorm Location – Subject to Change)*

Patton Hall opened its doors in August 2010. The main entrance and each floor are card access only.



### Bathroom Specifics:

- Suite style bathrooms
- 2-3 vanities with sinks
- Ample under counter storage
- 1 Shower with curtain
- 1 commode stall for additional privacy
- Handicap Accessible rooms have private baths

### Public Areas:

- Front desk on ground floor
- Lobby with sofas, chairs, and study table
- Laundry Room in basement
- Elevator

### Room Specifics:

- 16' x 16' on average
- Individual heating and AC units
- Tiled floors
- Window (55" h x 46" w)
- 2 Extra-long twin beds
- 2 wardrobes
- 2 dressers
- 2 desks w/ chair