

**Talent Academy 2022  
Preparation Notes and Checklist for Year 1 Theatre Applicants  
DSA-Secondary (PSLE Applicants)**

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**TALENT ACADEMY 2022****Checklist for Submission of Supporting Documents to be uploaded via the TA Portal**

Apply online via the TA Portal between 8 April 12:00 noon to 17 May 2022, 5:00 pm (SGT).

No	Document Title (to be uploaded directly to the TA Portal)	Maximum File Size	File Type
1	<p><b>Applicant's Identification Document</b></p> <p><u>Singaporeans</u> Birth Certificate or Citizenship Certificate</p> <p><u>Singapore Permanent Residents</u> Passport and Re-Entry Permit</p> <p><u>Foreigners residing in Singapore</u> Passport and Dependant or Student Pass</p>	1 MB	PDF
2	<p>1 recent passport-sized colour photograph</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Should be taken against plain white background</li> <li><u>Do not</u> upload a full-length photograph</li> </ul>	2 MB	JPEG, JPG
3	<p><b>Academic Results</b></p> <p><b>A. DSA-Secondary Applicants</b> <u>8 April to 17 May</u> For <b>all</b> applicants: Primary 5 End-of-Year results.</p> <p><u>June (date to be confirmed)</u> For <b>Shortlisted</b> applicants only:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Log in to the TA Portal and upload your Primary 6 mid-year result</li> <li>Please make a photocopy of your results before returning your report book to your primary school. If you did not make a copy, you may request for one from your school. The General Office is open during the school term break.</li> </ul> <p><b>B. DSA-Secondary (Non-MOE) Applicants</b> <u>8 April to 17 May</u> For <b>all</b> applicants: Grade 5 end-of-year results and any latest results if any. All original transcripts not in English should be accompanied with a translated document.</p> <p><u>June (date to be confirmed)</u> For <b>Shortlisted</b> applicants only: Log in to the TA Portal and upload your Grade 6 mid-year or any latest 2022 results (if any). All original transcripts not in English should be accompanied with a translated document. You may skip this step if you do not have any latest results to upload.</p>	2 MB	PDF
4	<p><b>DSA-Secondary Applicants Only</b> (if applicable):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mother Tongue Language In-Lieu Letter issued by MOE</li> <li>Mother Tongue Language Exemption Letter issued by MOE</li> </ul>	1 MB	PDF

**Note:**

- It takes about 45 minutes to 1 hour to complete the entire application for **ONE** (1) artform, provided that the portfolio submission and all supporting documents have been prepared in advance
- Applicants are advised to submit their applications early, as the TA Portal may experience slower connectivity due to high traffic towards the close of the application period
- Incomplete applications will be disqualified. Appeals for late submissions will not be considered
- The TA Portal opens from 8 April 12:00 noon to 17 May, 5:00 pm (SGT). There will be no extension of deadline for submission of application. Do ensure you have ample time to complete and submit your application.

## TALENT ACADEMY 2022

### Preparation Notes for Portfolio Submission in Theatre (for all applicants)

Pupils specialising in Theatre will embark on a learning journey that includes aspects of performing, directing, playwriting, critique, stage management and production design.

Pupils will gain a creative appreciation and respect for a wide range of theatre traditions, dramatic styles, forms, processes, practises, conventions, and values through practical experience and develop their creative voice and vocabulary. They will discover the value of theatre in a range of social and cultural contexts and develop skills and values for theatre-making and lifelong learning.

You do not need formal training and/or experience to apply for Theatre. We are looking for applicants who are imaginative, enthusiastic, expressive, open-minded, and flexible thinkers. You should be a good team player and quick learner, with a willingness to embrace the full range of the theatre experiences from back-stage roles to acting, script-writing and design. A good command of English, spoken and written, is a key pre-requisite. An interest in literature and the arts is essential.

### What to Submit for Theatre Portfolio

Item	Description
1 Video Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The video presentation should be between <b>1 to 2</b> minutes</li><li>The video should feature you talking about your experiences, interests, and aspirations in Theatre, and why you would like to join SOTA's Theatre Programme</li><li>The video should <u>not</u> include any theatre performance as it is not a dramatic presentation</li><li>The video should <u>not</u> be scripted</li></ul> <p>Below are some questions that you can consider addressing in your video presentation. You need not address all the questions provided.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>What most interests you about Theatre?</li><li>What experiences have you had watching theatre, and what did you appreciate about them?</li><li>What experiences have you had participating in theatre or theatre training, or other forms of arts and performance? What did you appreciate about these experiences?</li><li>What aspects of theatre are you most curious to learn about?</li><li>What skills, abilities and traits do you have that are relevant or applicable to theatre?</li><li>Share any future aspirations you may have in relation to theatre or other creative pursuits</li><li>e.g., careers you have considered undertaking, or contributions you wish to make to society.</li></ul> <p><u>Instructions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Recorded in a single take (no editing) and cannot be professionally produced</li><li><b>Upload</b> video to <b>Google Drive</b></li><li><b>Privacy Setting:</b> ensure that it is set to 'Anyone with the link'</li><li><b>Paste</b> the shared link on the TA Portal in the 'Uploaded to External Site URL' field</li></ul>
Note	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Supporting documents, portfolios, and photographs submitted for shortlisting will be retained for the school's records.</li><li>Certificates, achievement records, testimonials, recommendation letters are <u>not</u> required.</li></ul>

Shortlisted Theatre Applicants will be required to present a prescribed monologue at the audition. The set of monologues to choose from will be shared with shortlisted applicants in June.

## **Annex A**

Guide to uploading and compressing videos and/or documents for submission via the TA Portal

### **1. How do I upload videos and files to Google drive?**

You may refer to the [Google Support page](#) for assistance

#### **Direct Link:**

<https://support.google.com/drive/answer/2424368?co=GENIE.Platform%3DDesktop&hl=en>

#### **Google Search Engine**

In google search engine, type the following keywords: How to upload files or folders to google drive

### **2. How do I upload videos to YouTube?**

You may refer to the [YouTube Support page](#) for assistance

#### **Direct Link:**

[https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/57407?hl=en&ref\\_topic=7505892](https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/57407?hl=en&ref_topic=7505892)

#### **Google Search Engine**

In google search engine, type the following keywords: How to upload video to YouTube

### **3. How do I convert, compress or merge documents to PDF?**

There are many free online websites you can use. Below are a few suggestions. Please note that SOTA is not affiliated to any of these sites. The links below will bring you to an external website not hosted by SOTA.

#### **Convert word document to pdf document**

- a. [www.freepdfconvert.com](http://www.freepdfconvert.com)
- b. <https://smallpdf.com/word-to-pdf>

#### **Compress / Resize pdf documents**

- a. [http://www.ilovepdf.com/compress\\_pdf](http://www.ilovepdf.com/compress_pdf)

#### **Merge individual pdf documents into 1 document**

- b. [http://www.ilovepdf.com/merge\\_pdf](http://www.ilovepdf.com/merge_pdf)