

## Mandatory Support Activities

A typical ALCST production requires many hundreds of hours of labor. Much of this time is donated by the production team and non-cast volunteers in our community, but our extraordinary shows would not be possible without the work of cast members and their families. In order to coordinate our efforts and ensure a high level of support, we expect a minimum of 8 hours of donated time per cast member in November and December. The pre-show time may be spent in the costume shop or the set shop, and may be performed by the cast member, a family member, or a friend. We also ask that a family member or friend provide support work during two performances in January. We believe that you will find working with ALSCT to be a fun, rewarding, and amazing experience.

We can't wait to get started!

**\*Pre-Show:** a minimum of **8 hours of work – per cast member** - at the Set Shop and/or Costume Shop – 4 hours in November, 4 hours in December. These hours can be worked by the cast member, a family member, or a friend.

- Set & Scenery – assist with building and/or painting sets. The set shop typically operates Saturdays 8-5, Sunday afternoons 12-5, and Tuesday and Thursday evenings 7-10.
- Costuming – assist with finding, building or altering costumes. Bring your sewing machine if you can! The costume shop operates on Sunday afternoons during rehearsals, and some work can be taken home. On most Sundays only skilled and semi-skilled sewers will be needed at the Costume Shop. Non-skilled volunteers may be recruited on occasional Sundays. Volunteers able to lift heavy items will be needed every Sunday to help set up and break down the costume shop.

**\*During show: work a minimum of 2 shows (per cast member's family)** This work can be completed by a family member or friend.

- Cast Supervision – \* required of parents of children/teens (age 18 and younger) in the cast\*. Supervising children and teens in cast during dress rehearsals and performances when they're not on stage.
- Backstage Crew and Props – working back stage during dress rehearsals and performances. Must work 50% or 100% of shows and January rehearsals.
- Wardrobe – ironing, repairs, dressing room duties during dress rehearsals and performances.
- Make-up/Hair – helping cast members with make-up and hair at dress rehearsal and performances.
- Ushering – collecting tickets, handing out programs, seating patrons, and selling concessions during intermission (must be 18 years old per UMass rules).
- Telegrams – organizing telegrams for cast and crew during performances. Siblings or children of cast members age 9 and up are encouraged to participate as telegram runners.
- Company Party – assisting with set up, decorating, and clean up.

**\*Baked Goods** – contribution of baked goods (5 or 6 dozen items) for sale at the concession table during one performance to be assigned.

**\*Strike** – every cast member is expected to help with striking the set & costumes and/or cleaning the lobby, classroom, hallway & dressing rooms in Bowker after the last performance.

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I have read the Mandatory Support Activities listed above and I agree to fulfill my obligation for these support activities. If cast member is in High School or younger, parent/guardian must sign.

Cast Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate which support activities interest you the most and any experience you may have in these areas.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Set & Scenery            | <input type="checkbox"/> Hair          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Costuming                | <input type="checkbox"/> Ushering      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Backstage Crew and Props | <input type="checkbox"/> Telegrams     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wardrobe                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Company Party |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Make-up                  |  |