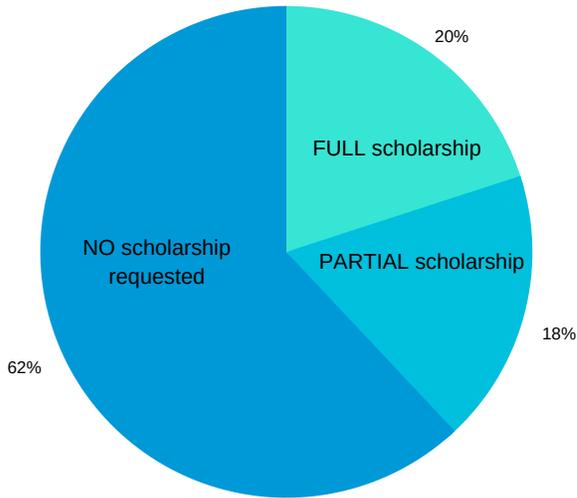


CAMPER DEMOGRAPHICS



This year, the Festival offered eight camps across the Kansas City metropolitan area. Our campers were 38% male and 62% female. Age of campers ranged from 5 – 18 years old. Campers represented the following ethnicities: 83% are Caucasian, 8% are African-American, 3% are Latino, and 2% are Asian, 2% are Middle Eastern, and 2% self-identify as “other”. 3% indicated physical or emotional disabilities.

The Festival fills a larger need in our community by providing access to professional theatre and bringing clarity to Shakespeare's works. We introduce young people to classical theatre that positively impacts and complements school-year lessons.

We provide high-quality professional classical theatre and education offerings to all people regardless of their ability to pay, ensuring access for all and building future audiences for live theatre. No student was turned away for any 2018-19 educational offering due to inability to pay. 20% of campers received a full scholarship, and 18% received a partial scholarship.



PARENT FEEDBACK

When asked what knowledge/skills were gained or improved that will improve their campers' school year and personal growth, parents said:

- "More enrichment and confidence in tackling large or unknown projects."
- "Collaboration, performing for an audience, and preparation."
- "Confidence! Understanding of literature!"
- "Discipline - seeing project through the end."
- "Additional confidence and knowledge about Shakespeare and Elizabethan era."
- "Interpersonal communication skills. Quick decision making."
- "Working with others and increasing knowledge of theatre."
- "Confidence in himself, and the work ethic that grew in him. Also, working through times of doubt and worry about his abilities, and seeing success when he pushes through those feelings."

When asked what the most successful elements of camp activities were, parents said:

- "Every single day the girls had fun and were excited. Variety of activities kept them engaged."
- "Each student is given the chance to grow, develop and participate."
- "... I think being a group of like-minded individuals working an ensemble toward a common goal is an important experience. This program gives kids the gift of that experience. Even (especially) kids who would otherwise have a difficult time accessing that experience. Thank you."
- "I was so impressed by the staff's dedication to the students. The ratio of staff to students was amazing and they sounded so engaged with the kids. Josephine so loved this camp!"
- "It would be hard for me to communicate just how important these camps are to Ben, his mom, and I. Only wish he could be this challenged and inspired throughout the school year."

As evidenced in the parent and camper comments, summer camp programs teach Shakespeare and so much more. All responses indicate increased knowledge and appreciation of Shakespeare, along with comments suggesting that the camp experience increased their child's confidence and reading levels.

- 97%** of parents saw high levels of growth in their child in the areas of self-expression, confidence and participation with new friends.
- 100%** of parents said they would be interested in more opportunities throughout the year.
- 100%** of parents rated their child's overall camp experience with the highest rating possible.
- 100%** of parents saw signs of growth and success in their children regarding knowledge of theatre, Shakespeare and *Romeo and Juliet*.
- 99%** of parents said they would definitely enroll their child in a camp again and recommend the program to a friend.