

Cowley Summer Theatre is seeking Interns for it's 2025 Summer Season!

May 27th – July 20th, 2025

Freaky Friday – May 27th – June 15th – Professional and Intern companies

Frozen Jr – June 16th – July 13th – Community production, interns assist in load-in/out and working backstage

25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee – June 17th – July 20th – Intern company

Rehearsal/Work Hours

Freaky Friday – 9 AM – 5 PM with Mondays off

25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee – 9 AM – 5 PM, Monday – Friday

Intern Company –

Interns – 7 performers with tech experience, 5 technician/designers as noted below.

Technicians –1 Costumes, 1 Stage Management, 1 Lighting, 1 Sound, 1 Scenic

All interns will also work in the shops in some capacity.

INTERN PAY - \$150/week plus housing included if needed. Pay is delivered weekly on Fridays.

Interns are defined as those who have completed some level of higher education but are still in school.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

Acting Submissions - 2 contrasting song cuttings, up 32 measures each, contemporary musical theatre and a short comedic monologue. Please include a resume and current headshot. Submit via whatever platform you prefer, but video hosting sites like YouTube are preferred.

Technician Submissions - submit resume, digital portfolio, and three names of professional references.

Send submissions to summertheatre@cowley.edu

Deadline of Saturday, April 5th, 2025 by 5:00PM

CASTING BREAKDOWN

FREAKY FRIDAY –

Ellie Blake – (female, teen) – The hero of the story. A ruffled, disorganized “everygirl.” She is smart, funny, and passionate about her school’s underground scavenger hunt, but sees herself as a “Whats-her-name,” and easily forgotten, unlike her “perfect” mom.

Katherine Blake – (female, 30s-40s) – A single mother who runs her own catering business. Overprotective and Type A, she believes she can have it all by doing it all: event planning, designing, and catering her own perfect wedding.

Fletcher Blake – (preteen) – Katherine’s eccentric son and Ellie’s younger brother. He is a budding puppeteer who habitually annoys his sister (but secretly looks up to her).

Mike Riley – (male, 30s-40s) – Katherine’s fiancé and a contractor by trade. A warm, reliable, easy going guy. He adores Katherine and her kids.

Adam – (male, teen) – Love interest for Ellie. Slouchy and scruffy, he is a paragon of adorable cool. Acts as the “List Master” of the school’s annual underground scavenger hunt.

Torrey – Katherine’s assistant; high-strung perfectionist. Also play’s **Adam’s Mom**.

Savannah – (teen) the villain; brilliant, aggressive, a winner

Featured Ensemble -

Gretchen – (teen) Ellie’s best friend; intense, emotional, lacks confidence

Hannah – (teen) also Ellie’s best friend; hacker-geek, nerd girl

Parker – (teen) Ellie’s friend, completely average, best friends with Wells. Also plays **Louis**.

Wells – (teen) Ellie’s friend; dorky but not meek, best friends with Parker

Laurel – (teen) Random Teen, unimpressed

Grandma Helene – Katherine’s mother – fiercely opinionated, because she cares. Also plays **Mrs. Luckenbill** – English teacher- empathetic, **Mrs. Time** – antique shop proprietor, and **Gretchen’s Mom**.

Grandpa Gordon – Katherine’s father – grumpy, stubborn, old-school. Also plays **Mr. Blumen** – biology teacher – a cynical lifer, **Senor O’Brien** – Spanish teacher – pugnacious, **Well’s Dad**, and **Parker’s Dad**.

Danielle – *Weddings Magazine* journalist – polished, grimly cheerful. Also plays **Ms. Meyers** – gym teacher – extremely intense, **Officer Sitz** – police officer who never received sensitivity training, and **Savannah’s Mom**.

Dr. Ehrin – school counselor – test-obsessed, overworked. Also plays **Pastor Bruno** – cheerful, loves weddings, and **Officer Kowalski** – police officer who never received sensitivity training.

THE 25TH ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE–

Chip Tolentino – An athletic, social, boy scout and champion of the Twenty-Fourth Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, he returns to defend his title, but he finds puberty hitting at an inopportune moment. C4 - B5

Logainne Schwartzandgrunenierre -- Logainne is the youngest and most politically aware speller, often making comments about current political figures. She is driven by internal and external pressure, but above all by a desire to win to make her two fathers proud. She is somewhat of a neat freak, speaks with a lisp, and will be back next year. A3 - F5

Leaf Coneybear – The second runner-up in his district, Leaf gets into the competition on a lark and finds everything about the bee incredibly amusing. He is home-schooled and comes from a large family. He seems to have ADHD and spells words correctly while in a trance. A3 - A5

William Barfee – A Putnam County Spelling Bee finalist last year, he was eliminated because of an allergic reaction to peanuts and is back for vindication. His famous "Magic Foot" method of spelling has boosted him to spelling glory, even though he only has one working nostril and a touchy, bullying personality. He develops a crush on Olive. E4 - B5

Marcy Park – A recent transfer from Virginia, Marcy placed ninth in last year's nationals. She speaks six languages, is a member of all-American hockey, a championship rugby player, plays Chopin and Mozart on multiple instruments, sleeps only three hours a night, hides in the bathroom cabinet, and is getting very tired of always winning. She is the poster child for the Over-Achieving Asian, and attends a Catholic school called "Our Lady of Intermittent Sorrows." She is also not allowed to cry. C4 - E5

Olive Ostrovsky – A young newcomer to competitive spelling. Her mother is in an ashram in India, and her father is working late, as usual, but he is trying to come sometime during the bee. Having found comfort in its words and vastness, Olive made friends with her dictionary at a very young age, helping her to make it to the competition. She starts enormously shy, and shyly blossoms. B3 - F5

Rona Lisa Peretti – The number-one realtor in Putnam County, a former Putnam County Spelling Bee Champion herself, and the returning moderator. She is a sweet woman who loves children, but she can be very stern when it comes to dealing with Vice Principal Panch and his feelings for her. Her interest in the competition is unflagging and drives it forward. B3 - F5

Mitch Mahoney – The Official Comfort Counselor. An ex-convict, Mitch is performing his community service with the Bee, and hands out juice boxes to losing students. He has no idea how to offer comfort, but does find himself wishing he could find a way to make the kids feel better. E4 - A5