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Your Child's Acting Career Requires an Entertainment Work Permit

When a child decides to pursue an acting career, the law requires that they must have an entertainment work permit. All the parents have to do now is get the form and fill it up.

You can get the entertainment work permit by downloading the form from the Internet. Keep in mind that each state has different criteria. Part of it will require getting approval from your doctor should your child still be an infant as well as the child's birth certificate.

If your child is in school, the form must also be assigned by the school principal as some states require you to do so. If the principal is not aware of the entertainment work permit, explain to them what it is because they will only sign it and when they understand what this is all about.

Part of the condition for the principal to sign it will mean making sure that your child's grades are not failing to as a parent, you have to do your share in making sure there is a balance between their work and studies.

So you will be able to get the entertainment work permit at the earliest possible time, make sure that you follow the instructions to the letter. If for instance you are told to mail it in, do so because these are the rules and you just have to accept it. www.gistmii.com

Before you mail it, make sure that you have a duplicate copy. You should also include a self-address stamped envelope so once it is approved, it can be directly mailed back to you.

The approval of the entertainment work permit could be from 3 days to 3 weeks and this depends on your state.

The entertainment work permit must be kept with your child at all times.

You should keep the original at home while you carry around the photocopy. This must then be submitted to whoever is casting your child and signed at the back to certify that your child is part of the production.

Getting an entertainment work permit is easy and the best part is that it won't cost you a thing. This has to be renewed every six months and since you don't know when your child will have another part, you shouldn't wait before you get one.

Apart from the entertainment work permit, your child will also be required to get a social security card. This is state regulated and designed to ensure that all payments for the project are given to your child. Just like the work permit, this is easy to obtain by simply contacting the Department of Social Security or by mail. For you to get one, you need to show your child's birth certificate and any other form of identification.

If your child is below 18 years of age, he or she is considered a minor. For
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them to work in the entertainment industry, you are required to get a work permit and social security card which will enable them to pursue an acting career. Once the forms are filled up and those who are supposed to sign it have done so, there won't be any problems when your agent has booked a job.

Just make sure that this is renewed before it expires to avoid any problems in the future. www.gistmii.com

A Look Back at how Vanessa Hudgens Started in her Acting Career

How did Vanessa Hudgens get started in her acting career? This girl was born Vanessa Anne Hudgens on December 14, 1988 in Salinas, California. Her looks can be attributed to her parents' descents. Her dad, Greg Hudgens is an American with the Native American and Irish background. Her mother, Gina, is a Filipino who grew up in Manila with traces of Filipino, Chinese and Spanish blood.

Career Path

Vanessa was inclined on the performing arts since she was a child. After she finished seventh-grade at the Orange County High School of the Arts, Vanessa opted for a home school setup.

When she was eight years old, she began joining musical plays. She was included on the main and supporting casts of plays such as "The Wizard of Oz," "The Music Man," "Damn Yankees," "Evita," "Carousel," "The King and I," and "The Music Man." Everything happened by chance for little Vanessa. Her first gig was a commercial. But it was purely accidental why she landed the part. She went on the audition just because her friend, who was supposed to go there, got sick and asked her to come instead.

In 2003, she debuted in the feature film "Thirteen." This stars Evan Rachel Wood and Holly Hunter. Vanessa also starred in "Thunderbirds," an

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action-adventure film. But Hudgens hit it big after playing the part of Gabriella in High School Musical, a TV movie made by the Disney Channel that was first released in 2006. That same year, she was able to release her debut album entitled "V." In July of 2008, her second album entitled "Identified" was released.

After she started on movies, she also played bit roles for television. She guest starred for TV shows such as "The Bothers Garcia," "Still Standing," "Quintuplets," "Drake and Josh" and "The Suite Life of Zack and Cody. For the two equally successful "High School Musical" TV movie, Hudgens played the role of Gabriella Montez. She played the love interest of real-life boyfriend, Zac Efron. Their roles had given them the "Best Chemistry" award given by Teen Choice Awards. The first movie also had a hit soundtrack and it brought the group on a concert tour worldwide. A book series was also made out of it.

With all the success she has garnered, Hudgens became the number seven on Forbes magazine's top earning list of stars who are under 21. She was 18 years old at the time. She has an estimated \$2 million of earnings. "High School Musical 3: Senior Year" is set to be released on October 24, 2008.

This talented gal was ranked 62nd of the Most Sexiest Woman on FHM just this year. She was also at number 12 at Maxim's 100 Hot List. And she was also part of People magazine's 100 Most Beautiful People. www.gistmii.com

Life on the Spotlight

Her career was marked with controversy when provocative pictures of Hudgens proliferated the Internet on September 6, 2007. The photos were passed on through emails, mobile phones and other devices. There were rumors then that she would be pulled out from the High School Musical franchise because she was no longer fit to be called a model for the youth. But everything was settled. And Hudgens apologized to the fans and her family. After that, all is well again for this young superstar. Just looking back on how did Vanessa Hudgens get started in her acting career will inspire young minds about this craft if they are planning on joining the bandwagon. www.gistmii.com

An Acting Career Should Have a Resume and a Headshot

Preparing for an audition also includes having a resume and a few headshot pictures. This is because aside from performing your monologue or reading from a script, cast directors want to know how you look on camera or on stage as well as your previous work experiences. To help you, here a few do's and don'ts in doing both.

When you submit a resume, make sure that this is stapled to the back of your headshot. If the resume is much larger than the picture, trim it a bit so they appear to be the same size.

For those who don't know what a head shot is, it is picture of your entire face. It must be very artistic and is intended to put you in the best possible light. This is usually printed on an 8 by 10 inch format. Your name should be placed on the print or just below it.

As for your resume, just tell the truth of your previous accomplishments. Make sure that your contact details are up to date so it will be easy for the casting director or a representative to easily get in touch with you for a call back.

Creating a resume is easy. If you are going to an audition, make sure that it will focus on the part you are trying to get. For instance, if you want a part in a Broadway event, make sure you list down your previous experiences in

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the theater. If this is for a movie, tell them what you did even if you played a supporting role or as an extra. Should this be for a commercial, mention what your roles was as well.

You should bring at least 5 copies of your resume and head shots every time you go to the audition because you may never know who else will want one.

Now it is time for the things you must never do.

The most important is never lie about your experience. Just like applying for a job, the casting directors will get someone to do a background check about your credentials so it is only a matter of time before they find out the truth.

The same goes for special skills which you claim that you have but actually don't. People won't be able to do a background check here but they will find out when you are told to do something and suck at it.

When you submit a resume, make sure that this is printed on a sheet of paper that measures more than 8 ½ x 11. Again, this is because of the size of the head shot. If you insist doing that, chances are your resume will be thrown away.

Since you are not the only actor applying for a part, don't waste the time of the casting director by giving them a resume that is more than one page. If

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you have a lot to say, put the most relevant using a 10 point font. If they want more information and this won't fit in your resume, mention it later on during the interview.

A resume is a piece of paper with a list of your accomplishments. You must never staple reviews or clipping from newspapers.

An acting career should always have a resume and a headshot. Write a few drafts and take some photos then just use the best. www.gistmii.com

Auditioning Tips for Those Who Want to Pursue an Acting Career

Ever heard the line practice makes perfect? Well the same goes when you go for an audition in the hopes that you will find work on television, the movies or the theater. Here are a few helpful hints you should know.

An audition normally lasts between 2 to 3 hours. You have to sign up and since it is on first come first serve basis, make sure you are there 15 minutes before the audition starts. This will give you some time to relax and practice your monologue one more time before they call you on stage.

While waiting for your turn, pay attention to the person who signed up before you because after him or her, you are the one who is going up next. If you have to wait for quite awhile, bring along a book and a bottle of water to keep yourself hydrated.

Since you are a guest here, be nice to everyone because you may never know who you run into. This goes even to the individuals who are vying for the same spot.

The nice thing about an audition is that unlike a job interview, you don't have to go in there in business attire. You can wear something neat and comfortable. Never make the mistake of wearing a costume or something too formal. www.gistmii.com

You should also be careful when using a perfume or cologne since it could be too strong.

If you have never done an audition for this company before, do some research so you know what kind of work they specialize in. This will help you pick the right monologue for the audition. But if no information is given, just have your best ready and keep it under a minute. Should you be able to impress the director and they want to see more, have a few others prepared as well.

Sometimes, your audition will require you to sing rather than act to get the part. If this happens, bring along with you a clean and clearly marked sheet of music. Tell the musician what part of the song to play and make sure this is cut down to at least 16 bars.

Apart from your act, you should also prepare your resume and a headshot. You should bring at least 5 copies each because aside from giving a copy to the casting director, talents and scouts will probably want to get in touch with you in the future.

It should have your updated contact details so it will be easy for them to get hold of you for a call back. Both of these should be able to fit into a folder because those that don't usually get thrown out. Don't forget to write your name on the headshot even if a copy of your resume is already stapled on the back. www.gistmii.com

When it's your turn to perform, take a deep breath and smile. Look at the audition space and if there are a few objects there that you don't need, request if these can be temporarily moved away. Afterwards, just walk out the door and hope that what you did is good enough for a call back.

An audition is not a walk in the park and it is the first step that everyone has to take if they want to pursue an acting career. So go to a few and learn from experience so if you don't make it, you know you can do better next time. www.gistmii.com

Four Fine Tips in Pursuing an Acting Career

For you to realize a goal, you have to work real hard to attain it. You must do everything right from the preparation to the execution of every step that you have to take. This is very much true if you plan to pursue an acting career. If you really want it, nothing should stop you, not even your age, gender or even your nationality. What matters here is the hard work that you will put in attaining your aim and how you will overcome the hindrances that will block you along the way.

If it is motivation that you want to keep you going, here are some tips to help you move along.

1. Prepare for everything. Prepare yourself physically. You have to look your best at your every audition. To achieve this, you have to take care of yourself. Improve both on your physical and mental capacity. It will also help if you will practice rehearsing dialogues or plainly, speaking in front of

many people. Your physical appearance is an investment. So if you have to spend money in order to enhance what needs to be done, do it for the purpose of looking fit and confident.

You must also be ready emotionally. You cannot get everything you want in an instant. You might experience a lot of rejections first even before you get your first callback. It will be best if while on the process of going through auditions, you have a part time job that can suffice your every day needs.

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