



Chicago Hero Child Payment and Scheduling Information

Pay Structure

Rate: \$15/hour (see note)

Note from Rail Events Productions: The Hero Child role is paid on an hourly basis. The base hourly rate is \$15/hour. Presuming a fully realized performance season (no unexpected cancellations or acts of god,) and if actors work the entirety of their assigned schedule, Chicago Hero Child actors will perform approximately 31 performances for an approximate 80 total hours from the start of rehearsals to the closing day performance. We are providing this information in order to supply as much information as possible, however, please understand that this is not a guarantee of total wages. The role is paid hourly for actual hours worked.

Schedule Structure

Rehearsals:

The rehearsal times on the provided schedule indicate when the *adult* actors will rehearse. Within that time frame, youth actors will also be scheduled but on less days. On weekdays, rehearsals will be later in the day due to potential school conflicts. On weekend rehearsals the kids may be called at any time within the time frame listed. Keep in mind that there may be times when we need youth actors with us during the weekdays and we will be looking for flexibility with this.

Tech Rehearsals:

Youth actors will be required to attend tech rehearsals on the train. (These tech days are indicated on the schedule.) For safety reasons no adult or youth actor will be allowed to be in the show without attending a tech rehearsal. We will split up the time between Hero Child actors, and they will not be expected to be there for the full day. We will do our best to call them as late in the day as possible and release them as early as we can. Your child may be asked to be there during a school hours on some of the tech rehearsal days, and we appreciate the effort it takes to make this happen. Again, it is all about safety!

Performances:

Our stage management team will be creating the performance schedule for your child. They will do their best to work around any conflicts, but please keep in mind that all of the families will want certain days off during the holidays and sometimes it just isn't possible. We are a professional show with audiences who are expecting our best show and our best show will include your youth actor! Being a member of The Polar Express Train Ride is a commitment to theater and to our audience. Youth actors will not be allowed to switch schedules themselves, these requests must go through stage management. No youth actor will do more than three shows on one day.

We understand that your youth actor joining the cast would be a commitment for the entire family, and we want to extend our appreciation for this consideration!

Thank you for auditioning for THE POLAR EXPRESS™ Train Ride!

