

**EXHIBIT 32**

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO  
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350 AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO  
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the Annual Report of Stage Stores, Inc. (the "Company") on Form 10-K/A for the year ended January 31, 2004, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), we, James R. Scarborough and Michael E. McCreery, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, respectively, of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that based on our knowledge:

1. The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; as amended; and
2. The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

April 27, 2005

/s/ James R. Scarborough

James R. Scarborough  
Chief Executive Officer and President

/s/ Michael E. McCreery

Michael E. McCreery  
Executive Vice President, Chief Financial  
Officer and Corporate Secretary