

The **National** High School **Musical**Theater**Awards**

Thank you for your interest in participating in the 2012 National High School Musical Theater Awards! Our event will take place June 20-26, 2012 on the campus of New York University. The Jimmy™ Awards ceremony will be on Monday, June 25, 2012 at the Minskoff Theatre on Broadway.

The following documentation is required to complete the application process.

Applications should be submitted in accordance with the timeline set forth in the paragraph below titled Guidelines for Participating Programs. Please review this list carefully.

Please note that all materials (excluding the application fee and DVDs) must be submitted electronically by the Participating Awards Program. Material submissions must be made by awards programs and not by nominees. Awards programs submitting incomplete applications will not be eligible for participation.

Electronic (PDF and JPEG files) should be emailed to NHSMTA Operations Coordinator Lisa Jaeger: ljaeger@nhsmta.com

The application fee and DVD submissions should be mailed to the following address:

NHSMTA c/o Camp Broadway
226 West 47th Street, 9th Floor
New York, NY 10036

Should you have any questions regarding this application, please do not hesitate to contact Lisa at ljaeger@nhsmta.com, or (212) 575-2953.

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2012 RULES & REGULATIONS

The following are Eligibility and Rules for participation in the 2012 National High School Musical Theater Awards (NHSMTA). Please review the below carefully, as qualifications for participation have changed from last year. All applications for participation are subject to final approval by NHSMTA staff.

Awards Program Eligibility

1. A participating high school musical theater awards program must be presented or sponsored by a legitimate professional theater that is a member of NAMT, The Broadway League or TCG.
2. A professional theater is permitted to sponsor only one participating awards program.
3. Participating awards programs are expected to adjudicate student performances through a full-scale awards process and event that is based on a Tony Awards® model (for reference please consult likeminded programs such as The Gene Kelly Awards, The Tommy Tune Awards or Shuler Hensley Awards), or through the Scholarship/Audition model.
 - a. Awards Program Model: The program sends judges to view high school musical theater productions presented by individual schools throughout the year. All aspects of productions such as actors, designers and directors are adjudicated based on performance and production quality. Awards are presented in a full-scale event in which nominated students participate. At this event, a Best Actor and Best Actress are chosen; each is invited to attend NHSMTA in New York.
 - b. Scholarship or Audition Model: A professional theater that wishes to establish a new high school musical theater awards program for participation in the 2012 NHSMTA may use the scholarship or audition model to adjudicate student performances under the condition that said theater demonstrates its intention to develop an Awards Program Model in the future. Best Actor and Best Actress nominees will be selected through an audition process from roles they performed in their high school musical in the 2011-2012 academic year. Audition pieces from these roles will be viewed and judged. A Best Actor and Actress will be selected and will be invited to attend NHSMTA in New York.
4. The above two awards program models must adjudicate students who perform in a leading role in their high school musical during the 2011-2012 academic year. For the purpose of the National High School Musical Theater Awards, leading roles will be defined as per a list of qualifying roles that can be found at:
[http://nhsmta.com/files/file/2011%20NHSMTA%20QUALIFYING%20LEADING%20ROLES\(2\).pdf](http://nhsmta.com/files/file/2011%20NHSMTA%20QUALIFYING%20LEADING%20ROLES(2).pdf).
Please consult NHSMTA staff if a particular role is not listed.
5. A high school may nominate students to be presented or sponsored by only one awards program participating in NHSMTA.

6. A student whose high school takes part in a participating awards program will not be eligible to represent any other local awards program at NHSMTA.

Guidelines for Participating Programs

1. One Best Actor and Best Actress in a leading role will be accepted per nominating program.
2. In addition to a non-refundable registration fee, each participating program is responsible for funding travel to New York City for 3 people: 1 Best Actor Entry, 1 Best Actress Entry, and 1 Chaperone. NYC housing and meals will be covered by NHSMTA for the duration of the program.
3. Students and chaperones must be conflict free and available for all days of the 2012 NHSMTA program.
4. Participating awards programs must provide in digital form:
 - a. A list of all its participating high schools
 - b. A contact name and contact information including mailing address
 - c. Email address and phone number of the school
 - d. High school musical director's name, mailing address, email address and contact number
5. Upon acceptance, participating programs will receive a Participant Information Packet containing the information necessary upon completion of the local awards ceremony. Please be prepared to submit the following in digital form:
 - a. Participating students' names and contact information
 - b. Participating students' recent headshots
 - c. Participating students' one-page essays
 - d. Participating students' resumes formatted to the NHSMTA provided template
 - e. Participating students' music submissions
 - f. Chaperone information
 - g. Participating students' and Chaperone release/waiver forms
 - h. All score sheets associated with the selection process
 - i. Three still images from the program's 2011-2012 awards ceremony
6. Participating programs must submit the following in DVD format:
 - a. A highlight reel DVD proving the nominated performance was a result of a 2011-2012 lead role performance in a high school musical production
 - b. A highlight DVD of the awards ceremony
 - c. DVD submission featuring each Participating student's topic responses (Guidelines will be provided in Participant Information Packet)
7. Participating programs are responsible for submitting all of the necessary documentation (other than the highlight reel and topic responses DVDs) digitally, submitted by the awards program, and not by the nominated students.

Guidelines for Participating Students and Chaperones

1. A Best Actor and Best Actress must be selected from the lead role he/she played in a 2011-2012 full-length high school musical production.

2. The adjudication process must be determined and selected through a formal awards program or scholarship audition program.
3. If a student is selected through a scholarship audition program, he/she must have performed a solo live (one up-tempo and one ballad, if applicable) from the lead role played in a full-length high school musical performance from 2011-2012 in front of an adjudication panel. Students must only be judged on the role performed in their high school musical.
4. Students and Chaperones are required to travel to New York City to participate in a 5-6 day event that includes private coaching, auditions, interviews, rehearsals for the opening and closing number of The Jimmy™ Awards show, and a process of elimination resulting in a handful of finalists.
5. Students and Chaperones are to understand and agree to all possible videotaping, televised opportunities, photos, press interviews, and print advertising. Waivers will be provided in the Participant Information Packet.
6. Chaperones must be available to assist NHSMTA staff with students throughout the program in New York City, including backstage on the eve of The Jimmy™ Awards.

Rules

1. All entry forms must be completely filled out and submitted by the due date.
2. All deadlines are final; no late entries will be accepted.
3. A Best Actor or Best Actress must be a high school student, grades 9-12.
4. Students will be evaluated by a panel of qualified judges.
5. No supporting roles will be accepted in place of a Best Actor or Best Actress. In the event a Best Actor or Best Actress is not able to participate, a runner-up in the same category will be eligible to participate.
6. All decisions and awards are final.
7. All prizes and awards are subject to change.

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2012 APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE

This form must be completed and received no later than January 31, 2012

Name of Awards Program: _____

Website: _____

Program Model (Awards or Scholarship / Audition): _____

Number of Years Awards Program has Existed: _____

Name of Program Contact Person: _____
(Individual to whom all NHSMTA correspondence will be addressed)

Day Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Press Contact: _____
(if different from above)

Day Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Sponsoring Theater: _____

Sponsoring Theater Address: _____

Sponsoring Theater Union Membership (Name and ID): _____

Sponsor Theater Contact (Name / Title): _____
(if different from above)

Day Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please submit the following electronically to Lisa Jaeger as per instructions at the bottom of this page:

1. Current program logo

- Check here if your program has participated in the National High School Musical Theatre Awards and your logo is the same. In which case you do not need to send your logo.

2. A one paragraph description of your awards program

I understand this application does not guarantee acceptance into the program and that applying programs will be considered in the order in which applications are received. Late applicants will not be accepted. This form must be completed and received no later than January 31, 2012. You will be notified of acceptance by February 29, 2012.

This application does not guarantee acceptance into the NHSMTA program. Therefore, applicants should not issue any press statements regarding their participation until participation is confirmed by a member of NHSMTA staff. Once an applicant's participation has been confirmed, official press information will be provided for the participating awards program's use. Any released, unapproved press information may result in removal from the program.

Once notified of your acceptance, you will be asked to complete a Program Nominee Information Packet including a release form granting the National High School Musical Theater Awards, Pittsburgh CLO and Nederlander Alliances, LLC full rights and permission to photograph and/or videotape students, staff, faculty, chaperones and volunteers involved with the awards production and events, and use the name/s of your theater, awards program, school, students, and volunteers, and your organization's logo in any press materials associated with NHSMTA.

Non-refundable application fees are as follows:

Returning program applications: \$1500 by April 1, 2012, or \$2,000 after April 1, 2012
New program applications: \$2000 by April 1, 2012

Checks for application fees should be made payable to **Broadway Education Alliance** and mailed to the address below.

Signature: _____

Print Name / Title: _____

Completed form can be submitted by Fax, Email/ PDF or Mail to Lisa Jaeger at:

Fax: (212) 997-7285

Email: ljaeger@nhsmta.com

Mail:

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For more information, including the NHSMTA Rules and Regulations, please visit www.nhsmta.com