



Long Description

The Jimmy Awards®/National High School Musical Theatre Awards® (NHSMTA®) is a celebration of student achievement in high school musical theatre across the country, spotlighting the next generation of Broadway talent. The program was established in 2009 to elevate the importance of theatre arts education in schools and reward excellence in student performance. Since then, the NHSMTA has been the catalyst for more than \$9 million in educational scholarships awarded to deserving young performers, and over 90 alumni have performed on Broadway and in National Tours. Over the years, the NHSMTA has grown to include 58 affiliated regional high school musical theatre awards programs in communities throughout the United States and impacts over 180,000 students from more than 2,600 high schools. Sponsored annually by presenters of touring Broadway, nominees selected by these regional competitions travel to New York City to participate in the national program, a rigorous theatre intensive that includes coaching sessions, training, and rehearsals led by some of Broadway's most accomplished professionals, culminating in an extraordinary, one-night-only talent showcase.

The seventeenth annual Jimmy Awards ceremony will take place on Monday, June 22, 2026, when 116 students will make their debuts on a Broadway stage. During this unforgettable event at the Minskoff Theatre, a panel of judges will bestow a number of awards and scholarships, including the coveted awards for Best Performance by an Actor and Actress. Participants in the National High School Musical Theatre Awards will be in New York City from Friday, June 12, 2026, through Tuesday, June 23, 2026.

Named for Broadway impresario James M. Nederlander, this year-round program is administered by The Broadway League Foundation Inc., The Broadway League's charitable division. The Foundation's mission is to support the arts education, community engagement, and audience access programs of the Broadway League, which envisions a world that universally recognizes Broadway theatre as a dynamic, vibrant, inclusive, and accessible entertainment experience.

The depth, scope, and education-centric mission of the Jimmy Awards coupled with its extensive television and media coverage has made participating in the program an aspiration for a growing number of high schools. Based on feedback from participating theatres, school administrators are now directing both staff and financial resources to improve the quality of theatre arts education in their districts. This renewed enthusiasm for the performing arts in schools across the country is already helping to invigorate local theatres and the communities they serve.

For more information, please visit www.JimmyAwards.com.