



HIGH SCHOOL

Musical Theatre
AWARDS

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SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION
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2020 DSM HSMTA SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

Dallas Summer Musicals will be awarding scholarships to outstanding participating students and educators of the DSM High School Musical Theatre Awards. All participating schools will be provided with scholarship guidelines and applications for their students to submit.

The scholarship panel, comprised of DSM staff, board members, and community leaders, thoroughly reviews all the applications and selects the recipients. The scholarship recipients are announced the evening of the awards ceremony **Thursday, May 14, 2020.**

Eligibility

- Students must be a current participant in the DSM High School Musical Theatre Awards. The student may have participated in any aspect of their respective 2019-2020 musical (performer, designer, stage crew, etc.).
- Students must be a graduating senior.
- Students must be in good standing at their high school and with DSM Awards program.
- Scholarship awardees are asked to attend the awards show. However, their scholarship shall not be revoked if they are unable to attend.

Application Requirements

Each of the scholarship categories has specific application requirements. Below you will find a breakdown of available scholarships and application requirements related to each of them.

Please note that all scholarships are due by February 4, 2020.



2020 DSM HSMTA Theatre Major Scholarship

Dallas Summer Musicals will award scholarships to outstanding student participants of the DSM High School Musical Theatre Awards who plan on pursuing a theatrical degree after their graduation from high school.

Application Requirements:

- Students are required to submit three (3) essays. Essay prompts are available on the DSM website and listed below.
- Students must upload certain academic files. These required files can be found on the DSM website and are listed below.

Other Information:

- All applications must be submitted by Tuesday, February 4, 2020. No application will be accepted after this deadline.
- The scholarship panel, comprised of DSM representatives and community leaders, thoroughly review all the applications and select the recipients.
- If awarded a DSM scholarship, the scholarship will be sent directly to the student's chosen college/university.

Application Questions and Essays:

As part of the application, students will be asked to answer the following:

- Please list any Awards, Honors, and Community Involvement.
- Please list all Extra-Curricular Activities.
- List school(s) to which you have been accepted to or are waiting for acceptance to for the Performing or Technical Arts.

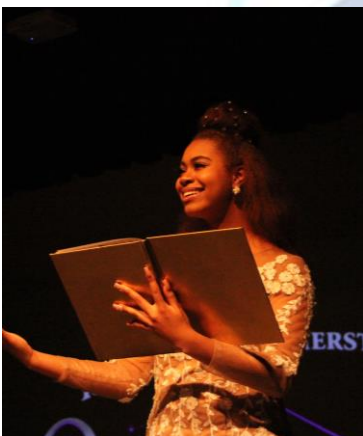
In addition to these questions, students will be required to submit three (3) essays (250-500 words), which include:

- The following two (2) essay questions (required):
 - Describe the most memorable moment from participating in your school's musical production this year.
 - What does theatre/musical theatre mean to you and how has it positively affected your life?
- One (1) of the following three (3) essay questions (student choice):
 - Describe leadership in your own words and the importance of being a leader in the modern society.
 - What is one (1) dream role you would like to portray in the future and why?
 - Who is your role model and why?

Required Files:

Students will be required to submit the following:

- Resume
- High School Transcript
- Two (2) Letters of Recommendation



2020 DSM HSMTA Theatre Ambassador Scholarship

Dallas Summer Musicals will award scholarships to outstanding student participants of the DSM High School Musical Theatre Awards who plan on pursuing a college degree in a non-arts related field.

Application Requirements:

- Students are required to submit three (3) essays. Essay prompts are available on the DSM website and listed below.
- Students must upload certain academic files. These required files can be found on the DSM website and are listed below.

Other Information:

- All applications must be submitted by Tuesday, February 4, 2020. No application will be accepted after this deadline.
- The scholarship panel, comprised of DSM representatives and community leaders, thoroughly review all the applications and select the recipients.
- If awarded a DSM scholarship, the scholarship will be sent directly to the student's chosen college/university.

Application Questions and Essays:

As part of the application, students will be asked to answer the following:

- What do you plan to study in college?
- Please list any Awards, Honors, and Community Involvement.
- Please list all Extra-Curricular Activities.
- List school(s) to which you have been accepted to or are waiting for acceptance.

In addition to these questions, students will be required to submit three (3) essays (250-500 words), which include:

- The following two (2) essay questions (required):
 - Describe the most memorable moment from participating in your school's musical production this year.
 - Describe leadership in your own words and the importance of being a leader in the modern society.
- One (1) of the following two (2) essay questions (student choice):
 - What does theatre/musical theatre mean to you and how has it positively affected your life?
 - Who is your role model and why?

Required Files:

Students will be required to submit the following:

- Resume
- High School Transcript
- Two (2) Letters of Recommendation



2020 DSM HSMTA Backstage Excellence Award

Scholarship Information:

Dallas Summer Musicals will award scholarships to outstanding student participants of the DSM High School Musical Theatre Awards whose teachers believe have demonstrated outstanding work in the area of technical theatre. Nominated students must be a current participant in the DSM High School Musical Theatre Awards and have participated in a technical theatre aspect of their respective 2019-2020 musical (designer, stage crew, etc.).

STUDENTS MUST BE NOMINATED FOR THIS AWARD BY THEIR TEACHER AND MAY NOT SELF-NOMINATE.

Application Questions and Essays:

Teachers must answer the following questions (250-500 words):

- Why have you selected to nominate this student for the DSM HSMTA Backstage Excellence Award and why do you feel this student should receive the Backstage Excellence Award?
 - Please give specific examples of how this student demonstrated skills such as excellent technical theatre skills, organization, managing/coordinating large groups of people, multitasking, attention to detail, and communication.
- In your own words, what makes this student special?



2020 DSM HSMTA Outstanding Educator Nomination

Scholarship Information:

The DSM Outstanding Educator Award recognizes a high school theatre educator who demonstrates monumental impact on the lives of students and embodies the highest standards in the profession.

EDUCATORS MUST BE NOMINATED FOR THIS AWARD BY A STUDENT, PARENT OR COMMUNITY MEMBER AND MAY NOT SELF-NOMINATE.

Application Requirements:

- A completed online submission form.
- Essay (250-500 words): Tell your teacher's story! Explain why your teacher has a compelling story and how they have gone above and beyond in the field of theatre education. For example, describe how your teacher has made a difference in your life or the lives of their students, school, or community; or how they are working to advance and champion theatre education in today's landscape.
- Two (2) letters of reference: letters may be submitted by any individual, including students, colleagues in the candidate's school, parents / booster club members, a former student, or a community member.

