



HIGH SCHOOL

*Musical Theatre*

AWARDS

**2022 DSM HIGH SCHOOL  
MUSICAL THEATRE AWARDS  
SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION  
PACKET**

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## **2022 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. 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 publicly announced the evening of the awards ceremony **Friday, May 20, 2022.**

### **Eligibility**

- Applicant must be a current participant in the DSM High School Musical Theatre Awards. The student may have participated in any aspect of their respective 2021/2022 musical (performer, designer, stage crew, etc.).
- Applicant must be a graduating senior.
- Applicants must be in good standing at their high school and with DSM HSMTA program.

### **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.

### **Application Submissions:**

Applications can be submitted via the DSM Website under the Education and Community Partnerships Tab.

<https://dallassummermusicals.org/education-outreach/hsmta-home/>

### **Scholarship Panel & Application Adjudication Information**

#### **DSM HSMTA Scholarship Panel:**

- DSM's Scholarship Panel will determine the awardees for the Theatre Major, Theatre Ambassador, Backstage Excellence, and Outstanding Educator Scholarships.
- The Panel is comprised of DSM representatives and DFW community members.
- Panelists will remain anonymous.
- Applicants may not request to meet with any panelist. Applicants will be disqualified if it is found they, or any representative of theirs, have attempted to contact or influence panelists in any way.

#### **Application Adjudication:**

- Scoring rubric for adjudication of applications remains internal to DSM Staff and Scholarship Panelists. However, DSM Staff will offer several key points to guide applicants.
- Current Key Points
  - Focus will not be on GPA or Class rank; however, these items may play a small role in application scoring.
  - The largest focus for application scoring will be placed on the essay questions.

**Please note that all applications are due by 11:59pm on April 15, 2022.**

**2022 DSM HSMTA Available Scholarships**

**Theatre Major Scholarship**

(5 available @ \$2,500)

**Theatre Ambassador Scholarship**

(5 available @ \$2,500)

**Backstage Excellence Award Scholarship**

(5 available @ \$2,500)

**Outstanding Educator Award Scholarship**

(2 available @ \$2,500)

**DSM Spirt Award Scholarship**

(1 available @ \$2,500)

**Best Lead Performer Award Scholarship**

(2 available @ \$5,000)

**TOTAL:**

**20 Scholarships | \$55,000**

**The number of scholarships and monetary amount for scholarships are subject to change with or without notice.**

## **2022 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 theatrical degrees after graduating from high school.

### **Application Requirements:**

- Students are required to submit three (3) essays. Essay prompts are listed below.
- Students must upload certain academic files. These required files are listed below.

### **Other Information:**

- All applications must be submitted by 11:59pm on Friday, April 15, 2022. No application will be accepted after this deadline.
- 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 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 and the intended degree at each school, respectively.
  - Ex: University of Texas, BA Theatre Education

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

- Describe the most memorable moment from participating in your school's musical production this year. If your school did not produce a musical this year (Audition Track or Non-Production Track), discuss what you missed most about being a part of a production.
- What does theatre/musical theatre mean to you? How has it positively affected your life and how do you see it as a positive influence on society?
- In your own words, describe the importance of being a leader in a global society.

### **Required Files:**

Students will be required to submit the following:

- Resume
- High School Transcript

- Two (2) Letters of Recommendation

## **2022 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 college degrees in non-performing arts related fields.

### **Application Requirements:**

- Students are required to submit three (3) essays. Essay prompts are listed below.
- Students must upload certain academic files. These required files are listed below.

### **Other Information:**

- All applications must be submitted by 11:59pm on Friday, April 30, 2021. No application will be accepted after this deadline.
- 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:

- Describe your thoughts on how the skills learned in theatre and the arts in general can be transferred to other disciplines and careers.
- What does theatre mean to you? How has it positively affected your life, and how do you see it as a positive influence on society?
- In your own words, describe the importance of being a leader in a global society.

### **Required Files:**

Students will be required to submit the following:

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





## **2022 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 2021/2022 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?

## **2022 DSM HSMTA Outstanding Educator Nomination**

### **Scholarship Information:**

The DSM Outstanding Educator Award recognizes a high school theatre educator who demonstrates positive 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.
- 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.

### **Other 2022 DSM HSMTA Scholarships**

#### **DSM Spirit Award Scholarship**

- The DSM HSMTA Spirit Award is a special award and a financial scholarship presented to either a student or school program for demonstrating the program's core values at the highest level.
- This award will be selected by DSM Staff.

#### **Best Actor/Actress Award Scholarship**

- The two (2) Best Lead Performer winners at the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual DSM HSMTA will automatically receive a \$5,000 scholarship.
- These students are not required to be graduating seniors.

## FAQs

- When are applications due?
  - 11:59pm on Friday, April 15, 2022. No application will be accepted after this.
- What happens if there is a glitch in the online submission system on the day of the deadline?
  - Individuals are highly encouraged to submit their applications prior to the day of the deadline. If an issue does arise with the online submission system, DSM staff will determine the proper course of action.
- How do we submit applications?
  - All applications must be submitted online. Links to the applications can be found on DSM's website.
- Do students need to be graduating seniors to be eligible for a DSM HSMTA scholarship?
  - Yes, students must be graduating seniors to receive a DSM HSMTA scholarship, except for the Best Actor/Actress and DSM Spirit Award recipients.
- How many students can apply for the Theatre Major and Theatre Ambassador Scholarships?
  - Unlimited. However, students may not apply for both scholarships.
- How many students can teachers nominate for the Backstage Excellence Award?
  - Unlimited.
- Can educators be nominated by more than one individual for the Outstanding Educator Award?
  - Yes. If this occurs, each nominator must fill out the application separately. A group of individuals cannot apply together. However, the letters of reference can be signed by a cohort of individuals.
- How long should the essays be?
  - All essays should be between 250-500 words. Essays over 500 words will not be accepted or reviewed by the Scholarship Panel.
- How are scholarships distributed?
  - Scholarships awarded to students will be sent directly to their chosen colleges/universities. Scholarships awarded to educators will be sent directly to their school or district to support their program.
- What happens if students choose to take a gap year after graduation?
  - Students must use their scholarships within two (2) years of the award. For example, if a student is awarded a scholarship in May 2022, they have until the Fall 2024 to use their scholarship. After this, their scholarship will be considered void and forfeited.
- When will individuals be notified if they have been selected to receive a scholarship?
  - Individuals should expect to be notified one (1) week prior to the Awards Show.
- Can students receive more than one (1) scholarship?
  - No, a student may only receive one (1) DSM scholarship during a program year.

**All information and requirements are subject to change at the discretion of DSM staff with or without notice.**