

IMPORTANT DATES 2025-26

Friday, Sept. 12 – Friday, Oct. 31

School application open Adjudicator application open

Wednesday, Nov. 19

4 p.m. Informational participation meeting

Friday Nov. 28

Participation fee due

Friday, Dec. 19

Due prior to starting rehearsals:

- Media release/Playbill information
- Signed copy of licensing agreement
- Optional: Appeals for Qualifying Roles and Shows

Wednesday, Jan. 21

4:30 p.m. Preliminary adjudicator training

Jan. 2-Feb. 6

Due prior to adjudication period:

- School and production information
- Cast, crew, and orchestra information
- Budget tier information

Friday, Feb. 6-Sunday, March 29

School performances adjudication period

Placement of High School Musical Theatre Awards ad in all participating school playbills

Wednesday, April 1

12 p.m. Tickets on sale to schools

3:30 p.m. Nominations announced – (group categories, supporting, top 20 lead performers, and Outstanding Achievement Winners)

Due April 1 or no later 24 hours after nomination announced:

Outstanding Musical nominee information and music submission

NO EXCEPTIONS due to strict orchestration schedule. Unfortunately, if music is not received by this date, schools will be unable to perform in the ceremony ****

Due Friday, April 3

- Callback and Outstanding Lead information
- Lead Performer solo piano/vocal score
- One-page resume
- Headshot

Wednesday April 15

4-6:30 p.m. Student orchestra rehearsal #1

Friday, April 17

- Representative and award acceptance information due
- Production photos due for show display
 - o Full cast, crew, and orchestra (one photo each)
 - Supporting Performer nominees
 - Outstanding Lead Performer nominees

Saturday, April 18

10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Callbacks for Outstanding Lead performers at Proctors

Monday, April 20

- Outstanding Lead Performer nominees announced
- Tickets go on sale to public

Wednesday, April 29

- 4 p.m. Virtual Outstanding Leads meeting
- All show details and orchestrations finalized

Saturday May 9-Friday May 15

Rehearsals for ceremony — detailed schedule coming soon

Saturday, May 16

7 p.m. HSMTA ceremony on the MainStage at Proctors

June 12-23

Jimmy Awards in NYC