

2025-2026 Nomination Guidelines Backstage Excellence Award



The **Backstage Excellence Award** honors a group of students for demonstrating teamwork, professionalism, and a commitment to excellence behind-the-scenes. Student run crews, costume crews, set construction crews, stagehands or any group of students who have dedicated time in a backstage capacity in one of the CAPA Marquee Awards-adjudicated musicals are eligible.

Teachers are responsible for nominating students for the Backstage Excellence Award and may only nominate one group of students for this award. Students should be nominated for contributing to their school's participating 2025-2026 CAPA Marquee Awards Program musical. Nominations will be reviewed by a panel of local theatre professionals who will select winners to be honored at the CAPA Marquee Awards Showcase on Wednesday, May 13, 2026.

Teachers will be able to submit nominations starting on **Thursday, October 9, 2025**. The deadline for nominations is **NOON on Wednesday, April 8, 2026**.

How to Nominate Students:

Teachers should submit nominations through the online nomination form. To access the form [please click here](#).

The following support materials should be submitted as a part of the online nomination form:

- **Letter of Recommendation:** Discuss why you have nominated this student group for the Backstage Excellence Award and their contributions to the production.
- **Work Samples:** Please provide work samples that showcase the work completed by the nominated student group. You may submit up to 15 work samples. Work samples may include, but are not limited to, production photos, rehearsal reports, crew/shift lists, photo documentation of set or costume construction process, etc.

How to Submit Support Materials:

All support materials must be submitted as a part of the online nomination form.

Questions? Contact us at marqueeawards@capa.com.