

2025-2026 Application Guidelines National Student Reporter



The National High School Musical Theatre Awards® is seeking two Student Reporters from around the country to travel to New York to cover the 2026 Jimmy Awards® on social media on both the official Jimmy Awards® channels and the student reporters' personal channels. Up to two outstanding high school students at a participating CAPA Marquee Awards school will be nominated to compete to represent central Ohio in the national competition in late June 2026.

The CAPA Marquee Awards nominee must be available at **4 pm on Wednesday, May 13, 2026** to attend the CAPA Marquee Awards Showcase at the Ohio Theatre where they will cover the CAPA Marquee Awards on social media and conduct interviews on the red carpet. The nominee should also be available to attend the dress rehearsal on **Tuesday, May 12, 2026 from 4:30-10:30 pm**. Two complimentary tickets and reserved seating at the Awards Showcase will be provided. Visit <https://www.jimmyawards.com/participation/student-reporter-search/> for more information on the national program.

The deadline for application is **NOON on Wednesday, April 8, 2026**. The CAPA Marquee Awards may only submit one application to the Jimmy Awards® for consideration, so a CAPA adjudication panel will review applicants and will notify each of their status by mid-April.

How to Apply

Students should submit applications through the online application. To access the application, [please click here.](#)

Applicants should create a video up to 60 seconds in length showing or describing how they would uniquely cover The Jimmy Awards on social media, focusing on promoting the live stream of the Jimmy Awards ceremony. The video should include at least one unedited segment of at least 20 seconds in length with the applicant speaking directly to camera. The videos must not include any performance footage; the content of the videos is otherwise up to the applicant. Any pre-recorded music used must be royalty-free.

We want to see your personality shine in this video! Show us how you would use your unique perspective to build interest in and awareness of the Jimmy Awards. This is an opportunity to showcase your skills in event coverage, visual storytelling, video editing, and social media.

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

- Provide a link to your video on an online platform like Dropbox, YouTube, Vimeo, Instagram, TikTok, Facebook etc. below. Please make sure your materials are not password protected, all links are working, and that marqueeawards@capa.com is added as an authorized user/viewer.