



2025-2026 Application Guidelines Outstanding Student Designer

The award for **Outstanding Student Designer** honors a student who demonstrates artistry, skill, and a commitment to excellence in costume, hair and makeup, scenic, sound, lighting, or props design in one of the CAPA Marquee Awards-adjudicated musicals. Nominees and winners will be determined through an application process. *Design work for a production not adjudicated by the CAPA Marquee Awards is ineligible.*

Students may only submit **one** application for this award, but the design application may include multiple design areas. The design must be from a CAPA Marquee-adjudicated production from the 2025-2026 school year. Applications 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** at the Ohio Theatre.

Students who are selected as final nominees for this award will receive two complimentary tickets to the Awards Showcase. Students will be able to submit applications starting **Thursday, October 9, 2025**. The deadline for applications is **NOON on Wednesday, April 8, 2026**.

How to Apply

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

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

- **Essay:** Describe the costume design, hair and makeup design, scenic design, sound design, lighting design, or props design you have submitted for this award. Discuss your vision for the design and your design process.
- **Work Samples:** Provide work samples that showcase your design. You may submit up to 15 work samples. Work samples may include, but are not limited to, sketches, renderings, models, light plots, sound effects, magic sheets, ground plans, production photos, photos of finished pieces, drafting, research images, sample materials, fabric/color swatches, etc.
- **Resume (Optional):** List your experience in costumes, hair & makeup, scenic, lighting, sound, or props design, experience on run crew, involvement in other theatre activities, relevant courses/training, honors and awards, etc.

How to Submit Support Materials:

All support materials *must* be submitted via our website as part of your application.

Questions? Contact us at marqueeawards@capa.com.