

OPTION 1: Registration with judging and feedback

This option is for schools that wish to be judged by the Hershey Theatre Apollo Awards, as in past years. Schools that participate in this option are eligible for HTAA nominations and awards.

Registration fee: \$75 (waived for schools who registered a fall play in 2019)

Criteria

- 1. Schools who choose this option must hold a live performance at which evaluators can attend in person. The performance must be in a safe environment with proper social distancing and comply with all state mandated requirements.
- 2. A minimum of eight (8) schools must choose this option and successfully complete their in-person show in order to move forward with a judging component of the HTAA program.
- 3. If less than eight schools select this option, or if cancellations result in less than eight schools completing a performance that evaluators can attend in person, all schools registered for this option will automatically be changed to Option 2 (Feedback Only) and notified of this change.
- 4. Plays must be registered at least three weeks prior to their scheduled performance. Registration opens on the HTAA website on Friday, September 18 and will remain open online through the fall.
- 5. Performances must take place by Sunday, January 10, 2021. (This deadline may be extended if performances are rescheduled due to COVID-19.)

Additional details

- 1. The HTAA will provide three (3) evaluators for each school production. If enough evaluators are willing and available to attend performances, we will move this number up to four (4). All schools will receive the same number of evaluators.
- 2. Nominees and winners will be determined based on an average of all evaluators' scores (in recent years, high and low scores were dropped).
- 3. While at this time we can't guarantee that scholarships will be available this year, our hope is to be able to provide a small stipend to all nominees in individual award categories. Certificates will be given to all nominees and winners.
- 4. Directors may also select one student to receive a Spirit of Theater certificate and one student to receive an Achievement certificate.
- 5. The status of an in-person HTAA event is unknown at this time.