



BEHIND-THE-SCENES AWARD TRACK

(Qualifying students in Behind-The-Scenes
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Students who receive an **Outstanding Achievement in a Behind-The-Scenes** award are invited to participate in the Behind-The-Scenes Track of the Awards Showcase.

ELIGIBILITY

The Behind-The-Scenes track is intended for students who received Outstanding Achievement in a Behind-The-Scenes role. Invitations will be given to honorees who submitted as individuals **or up to two representatives from Team honorees**, to be chosen by the director. Team representatives must be consistent throughout all track activity; switching representatives between components is not allowed.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THIS TRACK

	October-March Productions	April Productions
Zoom Information Call <i>(optional for students and directors)</i>	Wed., April 15 4 - 4:25 PM	Tues., May 5 4 - 4:25 PM
Video Submissions due	Wednesday, April 29, 2026 by 4 PM	Monday, May 11, 2026 by 4 PM
School's Participation Form Due, with BTS students' information included <u>and</u> BTS Day RSVP tab filled out	Friday, May 8, 2026 by 4 PM	
Waiver and Emergency Contact Form(s) Due	Friday, May 15, 2026 by 4 PM	
Behind-the-Scenes Awards Day	Wednesday, May 20, 2026 1 PM – 7 PM	
2026 Awards Showcase	Thursday, May 28, 2026 1:30 – 10 PM	

TRACK COMPONENTS

The Behind-the-Scene track consists of four components:

1. Self-Produced "Behind-the-Scenes Video Feature"
2. Participation in Behind-the-Scenes Awards Day on Wednesday, May 20, 2026
3. Honored Moment at the 2026 Awards Showcase on Thursday, May 28, 2026
4. Additional Opportunity: Observerships during the Rehearsal Process (case-by-case basis)

Information on track components is below. Student-facing information on components 1-3 can be found in the following document, also sent to the applying student as part of their invitation:

[Behind-the-Scenes Student Packet](#)

COMPONENT ONE: BEHIND THE SCENES VIDEO FEATURE

Each award recipient is asked to self-produce a 45-55 second video feature on their contributions to their school's production. Videos will be premiered during Behind-the-Scenes Awards Day and further shared with Awards Showcase audience members. Please see the Video Production Overview Instructions in the Student Packet linked above for a full breakdown of steps, format, examples, and other tips.

- Productions held October-March: Wednesday, April 29, 2026, by 4 PM
- Productions held in April: Monday, May 11, 2026, by 4 PM

➤ Submit via [AwardForce](#).
Category: "Showcase > Behind-The-Scenes Video Submission"



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COMPONENT TWO: BEHIND-THE-SCENES AWARD DAY

Recipients are invited to participate in a special Behind-The-Scenes Awards Day in Des Moines on Wednesday, May 20, 2026. Behind-The-Scenes Day consists of educational opportunities, conversations with industry professionals, networking events, the premiere of student video features, and a celebratory dinner. Activities will take place from 1 – 7 PM.

If your qualifying student(s) wish to participate in the Awards Showcase, attendance at the Behind-The-Scenes Day is mandatory. Students not attending Behind-the-Scenes Day will not be issued tickets for their use for the Awards Showcase on Thursday, May 28, 2026.

Director and/or Production Team Participation

Each school with Behind-the-Scenes Award student(s) may send up to 2 school personnel, such as the director and an additional member of the production team, to Behind-the-Scenes Awards Day. Due to space limitations, select activities may be open to students only. At minimum, school personnel will be able to participate in the dinner components with students.

RSVP Instructions

To RSVP on behalf of their school, directors should fill out the “BTS Day tab” included within their school’s Participation Form, due by Friday, May 8, 2026 at 4 PM. This includes the name of any participating students, attending adults, dietary restrictions, etc.

COMPONENT THREE: HONORED MOMENT DURING AWARDS SHOWCASE

Behind-the-Scenes Awards track participants are invited to return to the Des Moines Civic Center and to participate in the 2026 Awards Showcase.

Participants will be invited on stage to be recognized as a group during the Awards Showcase. Recipients call time is 1:30 PM and all will participate in the Dress Rehearsal. Participants will be required to stay at the Civic Center until the end of Showcase. They will be provided with dinner. Please see page 17 for more information on Call Times and Meals.

When not on stage, students will have a seat in the theater to watch as much of the Awards Showcase as possible. Students participating in the honored moment during the showcase must be confirmed in the student ticket listing on your Participation Form, due Friday, May 8, for a ticket to be set aside for their use.

Please see page 11 for Student Wardrobe Requirements.

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITY: OBSERVERSHIPS (Optional, invitation-only based on role)

Select professionals who serve on the Awards Showcase production and creative teams may open specific times during Showcase rehearsals for Behind-the-Scenes Track students who served in similar roles to observe their process.

Additional information about specific times and eligible focus areas for observations will be released on Monday, May 4, 2026.