



Technical Theater Scholarship Recipient Packet

CONGRATULATIONS! You have been chosen as one of five Technical Theater Scholarship Finalists. Your work was reviewed by both IHSMTA Program Staff and DMPA Production Staff. Your portfolio showed leadership, execution, and planning that it takes to make a great Theater Technician.

Required Forms

1. [Accept & Award Distribution Survey](#) – Due Friday, May 8 by 4pm
 - a. To formally accept and provide additional information about your Award Distribution. Please see below for additional information.
2. [Waiver and Emergency Contact](#) – Due Friday, May 15 by 4 PM
 - a. You must have this filled out before you participate in Behind-The-Scenes Day.

Required Participation

Date	Activity	What to Wear	Food Accommodations
Wednesday, May 20 11 AM – noon Lunch 12 – 1 PM – 7 PM	Filmed Interview , to be presented at the IHSMTA Showcase	Business Casual	Bring Lunch
	Behind-The-Scenes Day , to celebrate students who received Outstanding Achievement in a Behind the Scenes Role and Technical Theater Scholarship Recipients		Dinner will be provided
Thursday, May 28 Call time: 1:30 PM	2026 Awards Showcase , Recipients will be welcomed on-stage for a celebration and acknowledgement of their achievements.	Dress Blacks Please see page 11 of the Event Guide for more details	Dinner will be provided



Fund Use and Distribution Information

In the Accept & Award Distribution Survey, you will be asked to identify how you would like your funds to be distributed for the Fall of 2026. Please see below the eligible options.

Awards for **graduating students** will be disbursed as follows:

1. Whenever possible, awards will be made directly to an institution of higher education rather than directly to the student.
2. A student taking a gap year may defer receipt of their award for up to one year to allow the award to be made directly to an institution of higher education upon the student's enrollment.
3. If a student does not intend to enroll in an institution of higher education, awards may be made directly to the student.
 - a. *The student will be advised that the award may be subject to tax and to consult their tax professional for any tax-related implications.*

Awards for **underclass recipients** will be disbursed as follows:

1. Des Moines Performing Arts will remain the custodian of the student's award through their graduation year or upon the student providing documentation that they have qualified education expenses at an eligible education institution. At that time, the student may designate their award be made directly to their institution of higher education on their behalf.
2. If upon graduation, the student does not intend to enroll in an institution of higher education, awards may be made directly to the student.
 - a. *The student will be advised that the award may be subject to tax and to consult their tax professional for any tax-related implications.*

Awards Showcase Information

For information regarding WARDROBE, Dress Rehearsal Call-Times, and Event Day Details, please check out the [EVENT GUIDE](#) for more information.

- General / Wardrobe information – pages 8-14
- Dress Rehearsal – Page 17 (You are grouped with the Behind-The-Scenes Track)



We are incredibly impressed with your work and are excited to celebrate you!

Again, congratulations on this momentous achievement. If you have any questions, please feel free to email ihsmta@dmpa.org, maddien@dmpa.org or call (515)246-2359.

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