



PATTY DUKE AWARDS STUDENT REPORTER PROGRAM

For students in grades 9-12 from schools that are participating in the Patty Duke Awards Program

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Students selected for the program will participate in a one-day workshop to learn the best practices for theater criticism while receiving training in the mediums of traditional print, social media, vlogging and on-camera reporting. Workshop panelists and instructors will include local media professionals and/or journalists who will also serve as the adjudicators of the Patty Duke Awards for Outstanding Student Reporter.
- Students will attend and review two musical theater performances of two high schools participating in The Patty Duke Awards at their respective home venues.
- Each student will submit two traditional, written reviews and one submission using an element of new media (podcast recording, vlog, TikTok, etc.).
- Students will receive up to two tickets for each performance they review
- Written reviews must be submitted within one week of each performance reviewed; new media submissions must be submitted by the end of March.
- All submitted reviews will be scored by four adjudicators who are all local media professionals and/or journalists. The student with the highest cumulative score for all three submissions will win the Patty Duke Award for Outstanding Student Reporter.

WHAT DOES THE WINNER RECEIVE?

- One review posted or published in a local publication at the end of the program (all participants will have their picture published on the website as part of a story at the end of the program).
- Opportunity to join the Morrison Center's media team to cover the Patty Duke Awards rehearsals (May 21-24, 2024) and the Patty Duke awards Red Carpet and Ceremony (May 24, 2024).
- The Outstanding Student Reporter Award medal, presented at the Patty Duke Awards Ceremony on May 24, 2024.
- The possibility to compete for the Jimmy Awards Student Reporter Search (the National High School Musical Theater Awards Program) and a chance to go to New York City (all expenses paid) for the Jimmy Awards Ceremony in late June 2024.

PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

Students accepted into the program must commit to the following:

- Participation in the Student Reporter Workshop (briefly described above) on Monday, January 29, 2024 (3:30 – 6:30 pm) at the Morrison Center Founders Room in the Morrison Center for the Performing Arts.
- Attendance at the two assigned high school musical theater performances between February 1 – April 26, 2024.
- Submission of a theatrical critique for the two corresponding shows above – two submissions following a traditional print media format and one utilizing new media.
- Submission of a one (1) minute student reporter video pitch that will be adjudicated
- Meeting the prescribed short deadlines for submission of adjudicated materials

APPLICATION PROCESS

Students in grades 9-12 from a Patty Duke Awards Participating High School interested in journalism, reporting, creative content, and social or digital media involving the performing arts are encouraged to apply for the Patty Duke Awards Student Reporter Program. ***Students cast in Qualifying Lead Roles or Supporting Roles in their high school musical production are NOT eligible to apply.*** A maximum of 20 students total will be accepted into the program. To be considered for participation, students must submit the following items to the Morrison Center Education Department no later than **Friday, December 8, 2023**:

- Completed Application Form
- One-page writing sample (may be an essay or critical review)
- Half-page summary of your interest in journalism, podcasting, social media, and/or marketing
- Completed Teacher Recommendation Form

You can find the Application and Teacher Recommendation Forms at www.morrisoncenter.com.

All documents must be sent as individual PDF's and attached in an email to Luke Lords at lukelords@boisestate.edu by the due date mentioned above.

Please label each document as follows:

- “(Student Last Name) (Student First Name) Application Form”
- “(Student Last Name) (Student First Name) Writing Sample”
- “(Student Last Name) (Student First Name) Interest Summary”
- “(Student Last Name) (Student First Name) Teacher Recommendation Form”

If you have any additional questions, please email Luke Lords, Director of Arts Education, at lukelords@boisestate.edu.