



GENERAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE 2024 GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL THEATRE AWARDS

The 2023–2024 GHSMTA will only be accepting **50 participating schools** and is solely determined by timestamped submission of the required application.

For consideration as a participant, the following steps are required:

1. Ensure that you are already registered with a username and password on Acceptd prior to the opening day of the application.
2. To access the application: **(Complete all steps A–F prior to the 8:00PM opening day and time of the application)**
 - a) Sign in to Acceptd, from the home page.
 - b) Click on Directory in the top menu bar.
 - c) Type “ArtsBridge Foundation” in the search bar at the top center of the page.
 - d) Click on the GHSMTA logo
 - e) Click on “Start an Application” from the left hand side of the ArtsBridge home page.
 - f) Carefully read the information and instructions above the application link.
 - g) The application opens **promptly at 8:00PM** on **MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2023**, and automatically closes when the 50 available slots have been filled. Once the application is open, all interested schools must click the application link, complete, and submit **PART 1 of Section A**. Each submission is timestamped, and the system is programmed to automatically accept the first 50 schools who will receive an immediate confirmation message. Those submissions who are after the first 50 will be given the option of being placed on the waitlist. Waitlisted schools are determined by the order based on the timestamped waitlist submission.

NOTE: PART 1 of Section A is a newly reduced application that includes only basic information that all directors have immediate and easy access to for proper completion of the form.

For Confirmed Participating Schools ONLY: Complete the next required steps in order to select an available adjudication date. **Final eligibility is contingent on receipt of payment (duedate: September, 8, 2023)**

1. Once you have received confirmation of your status as a participating school for the upcoming season, **PART 2 of Section A** will immediately open for completion.
2. Once the form is successfully submitted, you will be sent a confirmation message that includes an **Adjudication Date Selection Link** which will remain open until all schools have selected a date or September 1st.
3. Designated adjudication days are preset with a limited number of adjudication slots per day. Once the adjudication slots have been filled for that day, no other schools will be able to select that date and an alternative date will have to be chosen. Any dates outside of what has been offered will not be guaranteed; however, based on adjudicator availability accommodations will be made as best as possible to fulfill the request.

NOTE: The times listed within the calendar are placeholders and will be adjusted based on the actual information provided by each school within **PART 2 of Section A**. Schools residing **75 miles outside of metro Atlanta are required to select a matinee time slot in order to accommodate adjudication travel.**

4. Once an available date is selected successfully, a confirmation will be sent.