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## AWARD CATEGORY ELIGIBILITY

CATEGORY	RULES
<b>Direction</b>	<p>A participating school qualifies for the Direction Award if the director is a faculty member, employed full-time or part-time by the participating high school or elementary/middle feeder school, or is a grade 9-12 high school student(s) who is officially registered at the participating high school.</p> <p><b>Schools using a professional/guest/parent director are not eligible.</b></p>
<b>Music Direction</b>	<p>A participating school qualifies for the Music Direction Award if using live music, orchEXTRA, or track accompaniment.</p> <p><b>Schools using a professional/guest/parent musical director are not eligible.</b></p>
<b>Orchestra</b>	<p>A participating school qualifies for the Orchestra Award if live music accompanies the performance. Live music includes anything between a single pianist to a full orchestra. The orchestra, including the conductor, must consist of at least 90% students and/or faculty. 10% of the orchestra may consist of professional/guest musicians (e.g 1 professional/guest per every 10 students/faculty members).</p> <p><b>Schools using more than 10% professional/guest musicians are not eligible. Schools using tracks do not qualify for the Orchestra Award.</b></p> <p>See table below for ratio examples for eligible and professional/guest musicians.</p>

<b>Choreography</b>	<p>A participating school qualifies for the Choreography Award if the choreographer(s) is a faculty member, employed full-time or part-time by the participating high school or elementary/middle feeder school, or is a grade 9-12 high school student(s) who is officially registered at the participating high school.</p> <p><b>Schools using a professional/guest/parent choreographer are not eligible.</b></p>
<b>Ensemble</b>	<p>A participating school qualifies for the Ensemble Award if 70% of the ensemble are award eligible high school students. The remaining 30% may be K-8 students as long as they are registered at an elementary/middle feeder school.</p> <p><b>Schools using a professional/guest/parent ensemble members are not eligible.</b></p>
<b>Technical Execution</b>	<p>A participating school qualifies for the Technical Execution Award if the technical implementation, flow, and execution of the stage crew's responsibilities (set and prop changes) and technical cues (audio-visual, animation, automation, and rigging) is coordinated by an eligible 9-12 grade student and/or a faculty member.</p>
<b>Lighting Design</b>	<p>A participating school qualifies for the Lighting Design Award if the lighting is designed and coordinated by an eligible 9-12 grade student and/or a faculty member.</p>
<b>Sound</b>	<p>A participating school qualifies for the Sound Award if the sound is designed and coordinated by an eligible 9-12 grade student and/or a faculty member.</p>
<b>Scenic Design</b>	<p>A participating school qualifies for the Scenic Design Award if the scenic design is designed and coordinated by an eligible 9-12 grade student or a faculty member.</p> <p><b>Schools that rent more than 30% of their set pieces and/or props are not eligible.</b></p> <p><b>Schools using a professional/guest/parent scenic designer are not eligible.</b></p>

<b>Costumes</b>	<p>A participating school qualifies for the Costumes Award if the costumes are designed and coordinated by an eligible 9-12 grade student or a faculty member. Wigs, hats, and hair accessories all qualify as costumes.</p> <p><b>Schools that rent more than 30% of their costumes are not eligible.</b></p> <p><b>Schools using a professional/guest/parent costume designer are not eligible.</b></p>
<b>Acting</b>	<p>In order for a participating school to qualify for any of the five acting categories, the actor must be a current officially registered high school student in grades 9-12.</p> <p><b>Guest artists are not eligible.</b></p>
<b>Overall Production</b>	<p>A school qualifies for the Overall Production Award if they apply to participate in the Shuler Awards, complete the registration process, and are selected as a participating school. <b>Being ineligible in any other category does not disqualify a participating school from being eligible for the Overall Production Award.</b></p>

**Orchestra Table:**

<b>Orchestra Size</b>	<b>Student Orchestra members</b>	<b>Maximum Faculty Orchestra members</b>	<b>Maximum Professional Orchestra members</b>
2 - 5	2 - 5	1	0
6 - 9	6 - 9	2	0
10 - 19	10 - 19	4	1
20 - 29	20 - 29	6	2