PETITIONING PROCESS
Schools may petition up/down from the Large School Division or Small School Division. Petitions must be submitted in writing in advance of submitting the TAMY Entry Application. To ensure equity, petitions will be reviewed by the TAMY Classification Committee* who will make a final determination – petitions are not automatic. A school wishing to petition up/down must present their case in writing and must address the following issues as they pertain to the request.

• **STUDENT POPULATION** – within the student body, how many students are actively interested in/participate in the theatre program?
• **CURRICULUM SUPPORT** – does the school offer classes in theatre, music, dance that feed into the theatre program?
• **FACILITIES** – do the facilities (auditorium, lighting and sound systems, etc.) adequately support the theatre program?
• **PARENT SUPPORT** – is there an active parent group that provides support for the theatre program?
• **HISTORY** – is the program long established, or developing?
• **BUDGET** – does the school provide reasonable financial support for the program? (if this is the primary basis for petition, a detailed budget should be included)

*TAMY Classification Committee is comprised of Gail Steele, Director of Theatre at the Mount, and 2 additional members of the TAMY Judging Team.

GRAND PRIZE
Schools winning the Outstanding Overall Production Award in the large school and small school divisions receive a full 2-year scholarship to Mount Wachusett Community College for a student enrolling in the Liberal Studies/Theatre Program.

If you have a disability and may require accommodations to participate fully in the program, please contact the program director to discuss your specific needs. In some cases, a two week notice may be necessary.
Applications must be received no later than four weeks prior to your production.
Incomplete applications will not be considered. Applications should be typed (preferably) or printed legibly. Entries received after April 1 may not be considered.

There is a $100.00 non-refundable application fee per production. Checks should be made payable to Theatre at the Mount.
Participating schools must be located within 50 miles of Mount Wachusett Community College.

All productions must take place between October 4, 2019 and May 5, 2020.

Productions entered must fall into one of the following categories:
• A published musical, operetta or revue (either currently held by a licensing house or having entered public domain);
• or an original piece which features an original script, music and/or lyrics and which is covered under a valid copyright;
• or an original compilation of material from other sources that is presented with the approval or permission of the original creators or their representatives.

JUDGING
A minimum of five judges representing Theatre at the Mount will attend each production.
Each school shall furnish Theatre at the Mount with complimentary tickets for the judges and a reasonable number of guests. Additional tickets shall not be unreasonably requested by Theatre at the Mount nor unreasonably denied by participating schools.

Due to the challenge of coordinating judges' schedules, we request that you provide us with dates of dress rehearsal, preview and matinees in addition to the regular evening performances.

Every attempt will be made to re-schedule judges in the event of inclement weather or canceled performances.

We strongly recommend that teachers allow judges to attend performances anonymously, so that they may fairly evaluate the production, and further, that teachers not tell their students when the judges are coming. Tickets should be left at the box office and judges will pick them up before performances. Anything that would publicly display the seating of the judges is strongly discouraged.

In all cases, the decisions of the judging committee will be final.

AWARDS
A list of all nominations for the 2019-2020 TAMY Awards will be emailed to schools by May 5, 2020. An Awards Ceremony, modeled after the Tony Awards format, will be held in late May or early June at Theatre at the Mount in Gardner. Drama students, dedicated teachers and families will be invited to attend this "gala event." Each school will be allocated 6 complimentary tickets and additional tickets will be sold at the Theatre at the Mount box office two weeks prior to the event. It is requested that schools not using their full allotment of tickets for the ceremony contact the TAM box office in a timely manner so that seats may be released and made available to other schools. The TAM box office number is 978-630-9388.
Award recipients will receive a specially designed “TAMY” trophy and may be invited to perform at the awards ceremony.

Sincerely,
Gail M. Steele, Director of Theatre
PHOTO SUBMISSION

Participating schools are required to submit a minimum of 12 production photos within one week of their last performance. These photos are used for promotional purposes and for a PowerPoint slide show to be presented at the Awards Ceremony.

INTENT TO PARTICIPATE

Is your school interested in participating but not sure which musical you will present or when it will be performed? Please give us a "heads-up" by letting us know of your intent to participate. Just provide us with the following information by phone at 978-630-9162 or e-mail (preferred) at g_steele@mwcc.mass.edu

- Name of school
- Name of contact person
- Phone number and e-mail of contact person
- Expected decision date

We will be sure to stay in contact with you and guarantee a spot for your school in the TAMY Award competition!

COMPETITION ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The following promotional copy is provided for inclusion in you production’s programs with the intention of lending an endorsement to your school’s production and participation in Theatre at the Mount’s TAMY Award Program. However, inclusion is not mandatory, and the absence of the copy from your program will not prevent your production from being evaluated or nominated in any way.

Suggested Ad Copy

_________________________________________________
School Name
_________________________________________________
Production of
_________________________________________________
Production Title

Is proud to participate in the 2019-2020 Theatre at the Mount TAMY Awards for excellence in the production of high school musicals.

AWARD CATEGORIES

TWO DIVISIONS

Schools are sorted into 2 Divisions – DIVISION L – large school and DIVISION S – small school. Placement is determined by official school enrollment figures. Schools with 800 or more students are classified as large schools and schools with up to 799 students are classified as small schools. A petition process is in place to allow schools to request placement in a different division (more details in Rules & Guidelines).

BEST OVERALL PRODUCTION*

Theatre at the Mount awards 2 Grand Prizes for Best Overall Production – one to a large school and one to a small school. Both winners are awarded a full scholarship to the Mount.

OTHER AWARD CATEGORIES

- Best Actor
- Best Actress
- Best Supporting Actor
- Best Supporting Actress
- Best Featured Actor
- Best Featured Actress
- Best Specialty Ensemble
- Rising Star
- Best Student Orchestra
- Best Stage Crew
- Technical Excellence – Lighting*
- Technical Excellence – Sound*
- Visual Excellence (Set Design, Props, Set Dressing)*
- Best Costumes, Hair and Make-Up*
- Best Dance Ensemble*
- Best Choral Ensemble*
- Best Production Number*
- Best House Experience (Playbill, Lobby Display, Staff, etc.)*

Special awards may be given at the discretion of the TAMY Committee for outstanding achievement in areas that do not fall into any of the given categories. Similarly, not all categories may be awarded every year.

*Two awards are given in these categories – one in the Large School Division and one in the Small School Division.
2018-2019 TAMY AWARD WINNERS

**BEST OVERALL PRODUCTION (LARGE SCHOOL DIVISION)**
Seussical • Shrewsbury High School

**BEST OVERALL PRODUCTION (SMALL SCHOOL DIVISION)**
Les Miserables • Tyngsborough High School

**BEST ACTOR**
Chris Van Liew
Frank Cioffi
Curtains
Wachusett Regional High School

**BEST ACTRESS**
Lily Usherwood
Mary Poppins/ Mary Poppins
Hudson High School

**BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR**
Matthew Grega
Clopin Trouillefou/ Hunchback of Notre Dame
Acton-Boxborough Regional High School

**BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS**
Tara Pelletier
Eponine/ Les Miserables
Tyngsborough High School

**BEST FEATURED ACTOR**
Peter Carranza
Thenadier/ Les Miserables
Tyngsborough High School

**BEST FEATURED ACTRESS**
Sophie Bellone
Yentel/ Fiddler on the Roof
Chelmsford High School

**BEST OVERALL PRODUCTION (LARGE SCHOOL DIVISION)**
Seussical • Shrewsbury High School

**BEST OVERALL PRODUCTION (SMALL SCHOOL DIVISION)**
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Chelmsford High School

**TECHNICAL EXCELLENCE - LIGHTING (LARGE SCHOOL DIVISION)**
Seussical
Shrewsbury High School

**TECHNICAL EXCELLENCE - LIGHTING (SMALL SCHOOL DIVISION)**
Les Miserables
Tyngsborough High School

**TECHNICAL EXCELLENCE - SOUND (LARGE SCHOOL DIVISION)**
Fiddler on the Roof
Bedford High School

**TECHNICAL EXCELLENCE - SOUND (SMALL SCHOOL DIVISION)**
Mary Poppins
Hudson High School

**BEST COSTUMES, HAIR & MAKE-UP (LARGE SCHOOL DIVISION)**
Beauty and the Beast
Acton-Boxborough Regional High School

**BEST HOUSE EXPERIENCE (LARGE SCHOOL DIVISION)**
Hunchback of Notre Dame
Acton-Boxborough Regional High School

**BEST HOUSE EXPERIENCE (SMALL SCHOOL DIVISION)**
Annie
Narragansett Regional High School

**RISING STAR AWARD**
Jake Pelletier
Gavroche/ Les Miserables
Tyngsborough High School

**JUDGES' SPECIAL AWARD**
"Dynamic Duo" By My Side Solos
Jenna Wentworth & Vanessa Waugh
Godspell
Tewksbury High School

**JUDGES' SPECIAL AWARD**
"Magic Moment" Parade of Animals
Lion King Jr.
Ralph C. Mahar Regional High School

**JUDGES' SPECIAL AWARD**
"Art on Stage" The Masks
Narragansett Regional High School

**JUDGES' SPECIAL AWARD**
"The Bottle Dancers"
Maddie Anderson-LaPorte
Keira Doyle
Daisy Ogata
Julia Simoneau
Fiddler on the Roof
Bedford High School