

MVHSTA Theatre Director of the Year Award

The MVHSTA Theatre Director of the Year Award honors the hard work and tireless dedication of a theatre director or music director of a participating high school in the Miami Valley High School Theatre Awards. The MVHSTA Theatre Director of the Year Award is meant to honor one (1) theatre director or music director whose contributions to the growth of her/his students, the artistic achievements of her/his department's stage productions, and commitment to her/his community is memorable, measurable, and inspirational. This award is not meant to be a "lifetime achievement" award or other legacy award.

Theatre/Music Directors may be nominated by a current student in their theatre department/program, or another administrator/teacher, who can speak directly to the qualities listed above.

Once all materials are submitted, a team of MVHSTA Adjudicators will examine a combination of the application submitted from the student as well as the scores from the director's adjudicated productions.

Requirements for applying are:

- Submission of a nomination essay that clearly indicates how the nominated director's work has contributed to student growth, artistic excellence, and community engagement. This essay must be at least 350 words and include examples outlining the nominee's qualifications.
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- Submission of a nomination video that clearly indicates how the nominated director's work has contributed to student growth, artistic excellence, and community engagement. This video has no length requirement but must include examples outlining the nominee's qualifications.
- In addition to the essay or video essay submission, two (2) letters of recommendation are required. Preference will be given to applications that include a letter from a past student, and a letter from a current administrator. These letters must speak specifically to the work of the nominee and may be 1-2 pages in length.

These requirements must be received by April 17, 2026, to be considered.

All materials may be electronically delivered in PDF format to MVHSTA@daytonlive.org including links to the nomination video. Physical copies may be dropped off at Dayton Live, 138 N. Main Street, Dayton, OH 45402.