



# TRIANGLE RISING STARS

PART OF THE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL THEATRE AWARDS

## Join us for the 7<sup>th</sup> Exciting Year!

### 2016 Winners:

**Ainsley Seiger**  
(Apex High School)

**Jacob Bush**  
(Green Hope High School)  
performing at DPAC at  
the TRS Showcase



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# Guidelines for Participating Schools

## Rules and Guidelines

- This year, Triangle Rising Stars is expanding their reach in an attempt to serve more counties and schools with a high school theatre program. Due to this, we now require that each school who wishes to participate in Triangle Rising Stars fill out our **Triangle Rising Stars School Registration Form** via Google Forms during the designated TRS Registration period.
- Regardless of whether your production is during Fall 2016 or Spring 2017, the deadline for registration for **all schools to participate in Triangle Rising Stars will be September 30, 2016.**
- The Google Form to register your school can be found here:  
<https://goo.gl/forms/0ACAU8DmMt48aop42>
- **Any submissions received after the registration period has ended will be subject to availability.**
- If you do not have the final production dates set for your show, please note this on the Google Form and be sure to notify the TRS coordinators once the dates have been finalized.
- All decisions and awards are final.
- All prizes and awards are subject to change.
- Please note that these guidelines are for **participating schools only**. Please see the following page for guidelines and further information for students who wish to participate once your school has successfully registered to participate.

## Triangle Rising Stars Award Categories:

- **Best Performance by an Actor**
- **Best Musical**
- **Best Performance by an Actress**
- **Best Ensemble/Chorus**

## Submission Timeline:

### Registration: By September 30, 2016

- Only schools who register via the provided Google Form will be accepted as 2017 Triangle Rising Stars Participating Schools. **Registration ends on September 30.** If you have a show the first or second week in October, please be sure to register your school and have your students submit their initial materials ASAP.

### Due by April 14, 2017 or 2 weeks prior to high school performance:

- **Intent to Participate Form for Students** on page 5: A contact name and contact information including mailing address, email address and phone number of the school, as well as the high school musical director's name, mailing address, email address and contact number
- **Participating student's recent headshot** (Professional headshot not necessary)

**Please email all Student materials to:** [trianglerisingstars@DPACnc.com](mailto:trianglerisingstars@DPACnc.com)

- Participants must have performed a solo live (one up-tempo and one ballad, if applicable) from the lead role played in a full-length high school musical performance from 2016/2017 school year and be willing to perform if selected in front of an adjudication panel.
- Students will only be judged on the role performed in their high school affiliated musical theater production.



## Guidelines for Participating Students

### Rules and Guidelines

- All Intent to Participate Forms must be completely filled out and submitted no later than 2 weeks prior to the high school performance.
- **All deadlines are final; no late entries will be accepted.**
- **A Best Actor or Best Actress must be a current high school student, grades 9-12.**
- All participants must submit their final audition materials electronically by **April 28, 2017**.
- Students selected to participate in the second round will be evaluated by a panel of qualified judges and will participate in a live event celebrating their achievements during this ticketed event in **May 2017** at **DPAC**. (Exact date TBD.)
- Students selected to the second round will also be required to learn two group numbers and attend a group rehearsal the weekend of **May 13-14, 2017** at **Theatre in the Park in Raleigh, NC** for the final show.
- No supporting roles will be accepted in place of a Best Actor or Best Actress. In the event a Best Actor or Best Actress is not able to participate, a runner-up in the same category will be eligible to participate.
- All decisions and awards are final.
- All prizes and awards are subject to change.
- Students must only be judged on the role performed in their high school musical.

### Participation in the National High School Musical Theater Awards/Jimmy Awards™

- Students selected as the Best Actor or Best Actress in the **Triangle Rising Star Awards** must be conflict-free to participate for all days of the **2017 NHSMTA program** scheduled in **New York City** for mid-June 2017. (Exact dates TBD.)
- Students are to be apprised that they are required to travel to New York City to participate in a 10 day event that includes private coaching, auditions, interviews, rehearsals for the opening and closing number of the Jimmy Awards™ show, and a process of elimination resulting in a handful of finalists.
- Students are to understand and agree to all possible videotaping, televised opportunities, photos, press interviews, and print advertising.

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### Submission Timeline:

#### Due by April 14, 2017 or 2 weeks prior to high school performance, whichever comes first:

- Student Intent to Participate Form on page 5: A contact name and contact information including mailing address, email address and phone number of the school, as well as the high school musical director's name, mailing address, email address and contact number
- Participating student's recent headshot (Professional headshot not necessary)

#### Due April 28, 2017:

- Participating student's resume formatted to template on page 7
- Sheet music for audition piece with no more than 2 minute audition segment clearly marked
- Highlight reel (video submission via email or Dropbox) proving the adjudication was a result of a 2016/2017 lead role performance in a high school musical production.
- Photo Release Form on page 6

Please email all materials to: [trianglerisingstars@DPACnc.com](mailto:trianglerisingstars@DPACnc.com)



## Frequently Asked Questions

### What is the program?

**Triangle Rising Stars (TRS)** is a program designed to bring together area high school musical theater students to perform together and compete against one another for educational scholarships and other prizes. The **TRS** program is a member of **The National High School Musical Theater Awards (NHSMTA)**, a national program that unites high school musical theater awards programs from across the country under one roof. At the national showcase, the two winners from **Triangle Rising Stars** will compete against the Best Actor and Best Actress from each of dozens of local competitions and similar awards programs, drawing on some 1,000 high schools nationwide.

### What does the TRS Award entail?

The two **TRS** student winners will be provided with **\$1,000 academic scholarships** and will be invited to represent the **Triangle Rising Stars** in an all-expense paid trip to the National High School Musical Theater Awards program in **mid-June 2017** in **New York City**. After a week of coaching, auditions, rehearsals and a final performance “on Broadway,” a handful of students from the elite group will be awarded scholarships and other prizes.

This video provides a great peak into what happens: <http://video.pbs.org/program/broadway-or-bust/>

### Who's Included?

All students from any high school in the following counties are eligible to participate: Chatham, Durham, Franklin, Granville, Harnett, Johnston, Lee, Orange, Person, Vance, Wake, or Warren. Students must be acting in qualifying lead roles. The 2017 list of NHSMTA qualifying lead roles can be found at [nhsmta.com](http://nhsmta.com).

### Are there any costs involved?

No, through the generosity of our sponsors, the TRS Awards are run at no cost to those who participate. The Award recipients are provided scholarships that cover all of their expenses (travel, room & board, and entertainment) to attend the National High School Musical Theater Awards in New York City.

### How do I apply?

See the **Intent to Participate** form on page 5. All interested students must complete this form in order to have members of our judging panel attend their school's performance. Finalists will be invited to closed auditions and workshops **May 13 and 14 in Raleigh** and to participate in our live performance at **DPAC** on either May 16 or 17, 2017.

### How does the judging work?

Students will be judged solely on the role performed in their high school-affiliated musical theater production. Two members from a panel of judges will attend the production and evaluate the performance. Then a video of highlights from the applicant's performance will be required for final adjudication. The vote of the judges who attended the performance will count for 65% of the total score and the panel viewing the video will count for 35% of the total score. Students selected to the second round of competition will audition in front of a panel of judges and participate in a final performance on **in May 2017 at DPAC**. The winners will be announced at the final performance.

The video quality of the audition tape, and other variables such as the quality of the set production will not be taken into consideration. We realize there are discrepancies between the resources afforded to one school's program over another, and it is for this reason that we have professional judges that are able to discern talent beyond show and production qualities. We pride ourselves on giving every student who applies a fair opportunity to represent his or her state on the national stage.

To view a sample of the Judging Score Sheet for Students, go to page 8 of this packet. To view a sample of the Judging Score Sheet for Shows, go to page 9 of this packet.



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## STUDENT INTENT TO PARTICIPATE FORM

### Student Contact:

Name:

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Age and Birth Date:

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Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email:

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Year in School:

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Student Phone #:

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Parent/Guardian Name:

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Parent/Guardian Phone #:

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T-Shirt Size:

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**Student Signature:**

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**Parent/Guardian Signature:**

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### School Contact:

Name of School:

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County:

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School Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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High School Musical/Theater Director's Name:

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Director's Contact # (School):

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Director's Email:

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**Name of Production:**

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**NHSMTA Qualifying Role Played During  
2016/2017 Musical:**

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**Date(s) of Production:**

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**Contact Person Signature:**

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### Please Provide in Initial Package:

- A Completed Intent to Participate Form
- Recent Headshot (Professional headshot not required)

**Please submit digitally to: [trianglerisingstars@DPACnc.com](mailto:trianglerisingstars@DPACnc.com)**



## PHOTO RELEASE FORM

I hereby grant Durham Performing Arts Center and the Triangle Rising Stars Awards the right to take photographs of me and my family in connection with the above-identified event. I authorize Durham Performing Arts Center, its assigns and transferees to copyright, use and publish the same in print and/or electronically.

I agree that Durham Performing Arts Center and Triangle Rising Stars may use such photographs of me with or without my name and for any lawful purpose, including for example such purposes as publicity, illustration, advertising, and Web content.

I have read the foregoing document and full understand its contents.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature, parent or guardian (if under age 18): \_\_\_\_\_



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## SAMPLE RESUME TEMPLATE

### FULL NAME

High School  
Age and Grade Level  
Triangle Rising Stars

### Performance Experience

Show Title	Role Played	School or Theater
Show Title	Role Played	School or Theater
Show Title	Role Played	School or Theater
Show Title	Role Played	School or Theater
Chorus Concert	Role Played	School or Theater
Chorus Concert	Role Played	School or Theater
Chorus Concert	Role Played	School or Theater
Chorus Concert	Role Played	School or Theater
Anything Else Appropriate	Role Played	School or Theater

### Training and Education

Currently attending (Name) High School or 2017 Graduate from (Name) High School

Expected Graduation Date: June X, 201X

Plan to attend (Name) College in Fall 2017, to major in (What) (if Applicable)

Acting: List instructors here

Dance: List instructors here

Voice: List instructors here

Any other skills training: List here

### Awards and Honors

20XX Best Actor or Actress for High School Musical Theatre Awards Program, National Honor Society, First Place in Regional Chorus Competition, Top talent award winner at National Vocal Competition; list any community service here.

### Special Skills

Juggling, technical skills, play guitar, piano, touch my tongue to my nose, dancing, gymnastics, computer skills, and creative writing.



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## **Judge's Assessment 2017 – Student Participants**

### **Posture / Support**

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

### **Intonation**

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

### **Tone / Placement**

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

### **Diction**

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

### **Dynamics / Phrasing**

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

### **Notes / Rhythms**

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

### **Showmanship**

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

### **Professional Appearance**

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

### **Facial Expression**

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

### **Overall Presentation**

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

**Total Score (100 Points Possible)**

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## **Judge's Assessment 2017 – Overall Production**

**Ensemble:**

**0 | 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10**

**Supporting Cast (not leads):**

**0 | 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10**

**Choreography:**

**0 | 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10**

**Costume Design:**

**0 | 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10**

**Scenic Design:**

**0 | 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10**

**Lighting Design:**

**0 | 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10**

**Orchestra:**

**0 | 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10**

**Overall Technical Execution:**

**0 | 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10**

**Overall Direction:**

**0 | 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10**

**Overall Presentation:**

**0 | 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10**

**Total Score (100 Points Possible)**