



## ATTENTION TEACHERS

**The application to participate in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Ovation Awards for  
“Best Actor” & “Best Actress” in a Michigan High School Musical is available now!  
Participation is FREE! This is a tremendous Scholarship opportunity for your students!**

The MSU Federal Credit Union Institute for Arts & Creativity at Wharton Center for Performing Arts invites high schools in the state of Michigan to participate in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Ovation Awards -- free of charge! The Michigan Chapter of the National High School Musical Theater Awards is an annual award program leading to a national celebration of outstanding achievement in musical theater performance by high school students.

To be considered for the program, schools must submit the name(s) of the student performer(s) who play(s) the Leading Male and/or Female character in the school musical presented during the 2013-14 academic year. The program rules, regulations and application are available now at <http://www.whartoncenter.com/education-engagement/programs-for-students/ovation-awards>. The nomination deadline is Monday, April 14, 2014. All nominees will be notified via email by April 28, 2014 of their acceptance into the Ovation Awards.

A panel of Broadway professionals will review the applications and select 50 students (25 actors and 25 actresses) to take part in a two-day program on Saturday and Sunday, May 17 & 18, 2014, with a performance and awards presentation scheduled for Sunday, May 18, at 2 pm on the Cobb Great Hall stage at Wharton Center. Following a series of ensemble and solo performances, the judges will give two talented Michigan students:

- An all-expense-paid six-day performance enrichment program held in New York City as this area's representatives in the National High School Musical Theater Awards at the Minskoff Theatre **on Broadway** June 24 - 30, 2014 (tentative dates).
- The Wharton Center Ovation Award for the Best Performance by an Actor and Best Performance by an Actress. **Winners will each receive a \$1,000 cash prize and a scholarship to Wharton Center's *Take It From The Top* Summer Broadway Intensive offered in Grand Rapids, Traverse City and East Lansing.**

The Ovation Awards are presented by Wharton Center for Performing Arts in partnership with Broadway Grand Rapids and Broadway in Detroit with additional support provided by Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the National Endowment for the Arts. If you have any questions about the Ovation Awards, please visit <http://www.whartoncenter.com/education-engagement/programs-for-students/ovation-awards> or contact Kris Koop Ouellette at [kris.ouellette@whartoncenter.com](mailto:kris.ouellette@whartoncenter.com) or (517) 884-3166.

For more information on the National High School Musical Theater Awards, also known as “The Jimmy Awards”, visit [www.NHSMTA.org](http://www.NHSMTA.org).