



## **Las Casas Foundation's Performing Arts Scholarship Program Rules and Guidelines *Best Lead Actress/Actor in a Musical***

**Deadline to submit application: Sunday, February 6, 2022 at 11:59 p.m.**  
***Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.***

Now in its 14<sup>th</sup> year, Las Casas is proud to present the 2022 Performing Arts Scholarship Program. This annual program, which culminates in the Joci Awards, a one-night showcase of talented performing arts students in San Antonio and the surrounding area, offers area high school students numerous educational opportunities and scholarships. Since its inception in 2009, Las Casas has awarded more than \$1.2 million in scholarships, making it the largest funding source of its kind in the United States.

Las Casas Performing Arts Scholarship Program also serves as a Regional Award Program (RAP) for the National High School Musical Theatre Awards (NHSMTA) or the Jimmy Awards, a national celebration of outstanding student achievement in high school musical theatre. In addition to winning scholarships, two finalists (one Lead Actress and one Lead Actor) will have the opportunity to represent the region at the Jimmy Awards in NYC during the summer of 2022.

### **PARTICIPATION**

Las Casas Foundation's Performing Arts Scholarship Program is open to students in grades 9-12. Students may only compete in one category.

### **STUDENT REQUIREMENTS**

All students must submit a complete application via the Las Casas Foundation website by *Sunday, February 6, 2022*. In addition to basic information, students are required to submit a resume and headshot. Students will be required to attend preliminary auditions at the Charline McCombs Empire. If selected as a finalist, students will be required to attend a master class (date and location TBD), Joci Awards rehearsal (week of May 9, 2022) and the Joci Awards (Sunday, May 15, 2022). Finalists will also submit any materials as requested by the Las Casas Foundation staff and Joci Awards production team. If selected as a Jimmy Awards nominee, student must submit all required paperwork in a timely manner and be conflict-free and available for all days during the Jimmy Awards week in June 2022.

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

All application submissions must be completed by the student online at [www.lascasasfoundation.org](http://www.lascasasfoundation.org) and include the following:

1. Completed application form
2. Recent photo/headshot (*Note: If selected as a finalist, photo will be used in Joci Awards program, social media, and other marketing materials*)
3. Resume

***If you need assistance completing any of the above tasks, please email [info@lascasasfoundation.org](mailto:info@lascasasfoundation.org) or call (210) 223-4343.***

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## **SCHEDULE**

### **APPLICATION & WORKSHOP PREP (*Optional, but Highly Recommended*)**

Date, Time & Location: TBD

Any students in grades 9-12 are invited to attend this free application and workshop prep session for audition basics, performance strategies, and material selection with a theatre professional. Las Casas staff will be available to answer any questions about the program or application process. Dress code: Casual

### **WORKSHOP (*Optional, but Highly Recommended*)**

Dates & Times: TBD (*Applicants may attend one or all*)

All students who successfully complete their application will be invited to attend free professional workshops for individual coaching with a focus on audition piece and performance.

Please bring clean copies of your sheet music, with 32-bar cut clearly indicated, presented in a three-ring binder. No loose sheet music or bound songbooks. If you have not memorized your music, be sure to bring extra copies for yourself. Dress code: Casual

### **PRELIMINARY AUDITIONS (*Virtual Submission; Mandatory*)**

Applicants in the Best Lead Actor/Actress categories will be asked to audition with two (2) songs (one up-tempo and one ballad; 32-bar cuts or 1-2 minutes max each) from The Jimmy Awards' eligible show list. A comprehensive list can be found under the Qualifying Shows & Roles page at [www.JimmyAwards.com](http://www.JimmyAwards.com). *Songs may be from two separate musicals, but musicals must be from The Jimmy Awards' eligible show list.*

A piano accompanist will be provided, or you may bring your own piano accompanist. You may not accompany yourself, and no acapella performances are allowed. If selected as a finalist, student will be asked to select one song to perform in its entirety at the Joci Awards and be required to submit the sheet music for their performance piece to Las Casas.

- Selections should be age and content-appropriate. The Joci Awards are a family-friendly production; no strong language or innuendo.
- If you have auditioned for this program in the past, please prepare a piece separate from one(s) you have submitted previously.
- Approved material selection changes will be allowed until Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 5 p.m.; please email Ana Flores at [ana@lascasasfoundation.org](mailto:ana@lascasasfoundation.org) for selection changes. No phone calls please.
- Props and costumes are not allowed for preliminary auditions.
- Dress as you would for a professional audition. No formal wear or provocative clothing.
- A panel of judges will rank each preliminary audition on a point scale; audition results will be tabulated by the Foundation. Students receiving the highest rankings in each category from the preliminary audition advance as finalists. Results are final.
- Advancing to the Joci Awards in previous years does not guarantee advancement in subsequent years.
- Judges' feedback (scores) will be available upon request.

### **MASTER CLASS (*Mandatory for Finalists*)**

Date & Time: TBD

A Master Class for finalists will provide instruction by theatre professionals.

### **JOCI AWARDS REHEARSAL (*Mandatory for Finalists*)**

Dates & Times: TBD

Finalists will work with a professional production team to fine tune solo numbers and learn group and transitional pieces. Please be advised that failure to attend scheduled rehearsals or submit materials for the Joci Awards production may result in disqualification; final decision is at the discretion of the show's producers.

### **JOCI AWARDS**

Sunday, May 15, 2022

Charline McCombs Empire Theatre, 226 N. St. Mary's St., San Antonio, TX 78205

Call Time: TBD

*Note: Dress rehearsal the day of the Joci Awards is mandatory for all performers. Please be advised that failure to attend dress rehearsal may result in disqualification; final decision is at the discretion of the show's producers.*

Finalists will perform, in full, one selection from their preliminary audition. A piano accompanist will be provided. You may not accompany yourself or provide your own accompanist. No acapella performances are allowed. Dress Code: Costume related to performance piece is highly encouraged.

## **NHSMTA/JIMMY AWARDS PARTICIPATION**

Preliminary audition, and Joci Awards scores are all factored into an overall score. The two finalists with the highest overall score in the Best Lead Actor and Best Lead Actress categories will advance to the Jimmy Awards.

If selected to represent their region at the National High School Musical Theatre Awards:

- The student must be available and willing to participate in the National High School Theatre Awards, tentatively scheduled for June 2022 in NYC.
- The student must be willing to participate in news stories via print, radio, TV, etc. when available, as requested.

***Note: The well-being of all those involved with the scholarship program and Joci Awards is top priority. Las Casas Foundation will announce health and safety precautions as dates approach and reserves the right to move any event to a virtual format.***

***Results from preliminary auditions, Joci Awards, and the finalists selected to advance to the Jimmy Awards are final. Any attempt to contact judges, staff, or Board of Directors to influence the outcome will disqualify students from the program with a lifetime ban.***