



HONORING OUTSTANDING WORK IN PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL THEATRE EDUCATION

The Childrens Theatre Foundation of America
Seeks Nominations for the

2026 Reba R. Robertson Award-Nominations

Nominations will be open August 11, 2025 - December 15, 2025 at 11:59 PM ET.

The biennial Reba R. Robertson Award recognizes EXCELLENCE in the important work of public high school theatre/drama teachers throughout the United States of America.

The Reba R. Robertson Award features:

- \$5000 to the honoree to use as they choose for the purpose of expanding professional interests (for example: study with a master mentor, travel, research, develop learning tools)
- \$1000 to the honoree's school to enhance the high school theatre/drama program
- A distinctive trophy for the honoree
- Transportation expenses up to \$1,000 for the recipient to travel to the CTFA Robertson Awards Event

Award Criteria:

A candidate must be a current public high school teacher with at least 5-8 years of service remaining.

A candidate must exhibit:

1. **Strong, ongoing commitment to dismantling racism** as demonstrated by a focus on diversity, equity and inclusion and involving communities that have been historically disadvantaged and socially, politically, and economically excluded.
2. **Dedication to guiding high school students** through curricular, co-curricular, and/or extracurricular programming in the theatre arts
3. **Exceptional mentoring qualities**

4. **Broad influence** on school, community, state, region and beyond as represented by the award's namesake,
Reba. R. Robertson. Link to additional award information:
<https://www.childrenstheatrefoundation.org/page-56/>
5. **Artistic achievement**, innovation and artistic excellence
6. **Use of the award to gain new experiences**, grow as a theatre educator and expand knowledge of equitable practices in high school theatre.

Nominations must be received no later than December 15, 2025.

To make a nomination, go to this link: <https://ctfa.grantplatform.com/>

Nominators will be asked to provide:

- 1) A brief description of the relationship between the nominator and the nominee
- 2) Nominee's name, email address, phone number, and name of nominee's high school
- 3) A rationale for the nomination, with particular attention to the criteria listed above. No self-nominations.

Once a nomination has been received, the Robertson committee will contact the nominee with information about the required application materials. Full application materials are due February 15, 2026. The recipient will be announced in May 2026.

Nominations can be submitted through this platform by selecting APPLY and then selecting the Robertson Award under Category.

Please contact Jo Beth Gonzalez at jbgonzal246@gmail.com with any questions.

The Robertson Award Committee comprises Childrens Theatre Foundation Trustees and invited representatives of the community of high school theatre educators.

The 2026 Reba Robertson Award will be presented as part of a national conference in the summer of 2026.

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