



New Mexico Music Educators Association Emeritus Teacher Award

The New Mexico Music Educators Association wishes to recognize the contributions of retired music educators who continue to contribute to the New Mexico music education community through the Emeritus Teacher Award.

Required Criteria and Guidelines for Nominating Candidates:

- Must be a current member of NMMEA.
- Must be a retired music educator.
- Widely recognized as a fine music educator with many years in the profession.
- Continued to assist as a music education resource.
- Has been influential in the success of numerous active music educators.
For this person, music education remains a passion and an important part of his/her life even after retirement. This person has changed other people's lives for the better as a result of his/her actions.
- Nomination may be made posthumously.

Resume and Nomination Packet Must Include:

- Years of active teaching;
- Contributions to the music education profession, both before and after retirement;
- Service to NMMEA through active participation at district and state levels;
- Honors and/or awards received;
- Exactly three (3) letters of recommendation;
- Emeritus application;
- Accurate and current contact information including address, phone numbers, and email address for both home and work;
- Picture for publication.

Procedure for Nomination of Emeritus Teacher Candidates:

- Each NMMEA District Organization at a regular spring meeting of its membership may nominate any NMMEA member for consideration of the award.
- Each district may nominate one candidate they feel meets the criteria stated above.
- Each NMMEA District President will appoint a three-member committee from the membership to screen and recommend that district's candidate. The committee will be

responsible for forwarding the proper resume form to the candidate, screening the resumes, and preparing a letter of support for the nominee.

- Forward six (6) copies of the resume, six (6) copies of letters of recommendation, one photo of the nominee, and one (10 copy of the names and addresses of local newspapers and other media for publication purposes to the immediate Past President no later than July 1, each year. All materials should be assembled in three-ring binders, no larger than ½” thick, or in “flexible binders” only.
- A standing committee for final selection will be composed of the five NMMEA vice-presidents and the immediate NMMEA Past President, who will serve as selection committee chairman. The committee will make the final selection and announce the name of the recipient to the NMMEA Board of Directors at it's summer meeting.
- The State Selection Committee will select **one** recipient per calendar year for this award.

The Award:

- A plaque engraved with the name of the award, year, and name of recipient.
- Publication of recipient's picture and appropriate recognition will be made in the winter issue of the **NEW MEXICO MUSICIAN**.
- Public recognition will be made by presenting the award to the recipient at the annual All-State general membership meeting. Lunch for the recipient and spouse will be at NMMEA expense.
- Publication of the recipient's name will be included in the official All-State Music Festival and In-Service Conference program for at least ten years.