



Dr. John M. Batcheller

Award for Excellence in Teaching Elementary School Music

The New Mexico Music Educators Association believes it is important to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to the field of music education in the elementary schools.

Required Criteria and Guidelines for Nominating Candidates:

- Nomination consists of a resume of the individual's achievements and stature as a music educator in New Mexico Elementary Schools.
- Must be a and current member of NMMEA and a legal resident of New Mexico and be supportive of the philosophy and objectives of New Mexico Music Educators Association.
- Must have demonstrated an outstanding relationship with students, fellow music educators, administrators and community.
- Must have demonstrated a consistent record of high standards of teaching and promoting music education in New Mexico schools.
- Must be teaching elementary school music in New Mexico at the time the award is to be received.
- Must have completed five years of teaching Elementary Music in New Mexico.

Resume and Nomination Packet Must Include:

- Number of years of service to music education;
- Evidence of quality teaching;
- Identified contributions to the profession of music education;
- Identified service to NMMEA through active participation at the local, district and state organization level;
- List of honors and/or awards received.
- Exactly three letters of support from a colleague who is very familiar with the nominee's work and one should be from an administrator or supervisor familiar with the nominee's work;
- Accurate and current contact information including address, phone numbers, and email address for both home and work;
- Picture for publication;
- Dr. John M. Batcheller application.

Procedures for Nomination:

- Each NMMEA district organization at a regular meeting of its membership may nominate any NMMEA member for consideration for the award.
- Each NMMEA District President will appoint a three-member committee from that district's membership to forward the proper resume form to the nominees, screen the completed resumes, letters of support and recommend that district's nomination.
- Upon determination of the candidate, the district selections committee will forward six (6) copies of the resume, six (6) copies of letters of recommendation, one photo of the nominee, and one (1) 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 its summer meeting.
- The State Selection Committee will select **one** recipient per calendar year for this award.

The Award Shall Consist of:

- 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*.
- An honoree's meal function will be held during All-State for recipient and spouse during which the award will be presented before the general membership.
- Publication of the recipient's name will be included in the official All-State Festival program.