



NMMEA Awards Criteria

General Information

Districts may submit only one application for each award.

Administrator of the Year

An award and presentation to be made annually to an outstanding school administrator, who has demonstrated support for and commitment to high-quality Music Education programs in their school. The influence of such administrators is a major factor in improving music education in the school system across the state. **Please note that district music coordinators do not qualify for consideration for this award but should be submitted in another category.** One school administrator may be selected to receive this award each year. Administrators receiving this award will be notified by NMMEA and a presentation honoring them will take place at the annual general membership meeting at the NMMEA All-State Business Awards Luncheon.

Award of Distinction

An award and presentation to be made annually to an outstanding school district, who has demonstrated support for and commitment to high-quality music education programs district wide. The priority such a district places on music education is a major factor in the quality of programs within that district. One school district may be selected to receive the Award of Distinction however multiple Certificate of Recognition awards may be given each year. Districts receiving these awards will be notified by NMMEA and a presentation honoring them will take place at the annual general membership meeting at the NMMEA All-State Business Awards Luncheon.

All candidates should apply for the Award of Distinction, the review committee will determine if the district is eligible for the Award of Distinction. In the event that the committee doesn't feel the district is to be awarded this award, they can opt to award the certificate of recognition.

A district may be considered for this award each year.

Educator of the Year

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 schools of New Mexico. A widely recognized, established, and outstanding music educator in New Mexico schools, the nominee must be an active NMMEA member, currently teaching music in a New Mexico school (at the time of nomination and when the award is to be received). One outstanding educator receiving this award will be notified by NMMEA and a presentation honoring them will take place at the annual general membership meeting at the NMMEA All-State Business Awards Luncheon.

Emeritus Teacher of the Year

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. The nominee must be an active NMMEA member, who has changed other people's lives for the better as result of their actions. Nominees should be widely recognized, retired music educators who have influenced the success of numerous active music educators, are a resource with many years in the profession, and have music education remaining a passion and an important part of their life even after retirement. One outstanding retired educator receiving this award will be notified by NMMEA and a presentation honoring them will take place at the annual general membership meeting at the NMMEA All-State Business Awards Luncheon. Nominations may be made posthumously.

Hall of Fame

The New Mexico Music Educators Association, recognizing the invaluable service given by members of the profession in bringing the best in music education to young people in New Mexico, hereby honor that service with the establishment of the New Mexico Music Educator Hall of Fame Award. Nominees must be a current member of NMMEA and have been an active music educator or administrator in music education in a New

Mexico public or private school, or institution of higher education for twenty (20) or more years. Nomination to the Hall of Fame may be made posthumously. Multiple outstanding educators may receive this award and will be notified by NMMEA and a presentation honoring them will take place at the annual general membership meeting at the NMMEA All-State Business Awards Luncheon.

John Batcheller Award for Elementary Education

The New Mexico Music Educators Association believes it is important to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to the field of general music education at the elementary school level. A general music educator in New Mexico schools with no less than 5 years experience, the nominee must be an active NMMEA member, currently teaching general music in a New Mexico school (at the time of nomination and when the award is to be received). One outstanding educator receiving this award will be notified by NMMEA and a presentation honoring them will take place at the annual general membership meeting at the NMMEA All-State Business Awards Luncheon.

New & Emerging Teacher of the Year

The New Mexico Music Educators Association believes it is important to recognize individuals who are new to the profession of music education who have demonstrated significant success in their early years of teaching, and who are likely to make significant contributions to the field of Music Education in the Schools of New Mexico. A new music educator in New Mexico schools with no more than 5 years of teaching experience, the nominee must be an active NMMEA member and currently teaching music in a New Mexico school (at the time of nomination and when the award is to be received). One outstanding educator receiving this award will be notified by NMMEA and a presentation honoring them will take place at the annual general membership meeting at the NMMEA All-State Business Awards Luncheon.