

Maryland Music Educators Association Award For Excellence

Outstanding Music Teacher Award

Purpose: To recognize and honor music teachers for their outstanding service to the music students in public, parochial, or independent schools in the State of Maryland.

CRITERIA:

I. Leadership

- A. **Must be a member of the Maryland Music Educators Association (MMEA and NAFME – formerly MENC) before nomination.**
- B. Consistently produces/produced music groups of high performance level.
- C. Consistently performs/performed programs of high musical quality.
- D. Has made an outstanding contribution to the community and to the state through music.
- E. Has made outstanding contributions to the improvement of music groups in Maryland through participation and leadership in professional organizations.
- F. Must have had student participation in honors performing groups such as All County or All State groups when appropriate.
- G. Has hosted student teachers, meetings, festivals and/or presented workshops, clinics, adjudicated or guest conducted ensemble groups.
- H. Has written articles for various music journals and/or participated in curriculum work.
- I. Maintains/maintained contact with feeder schools where applicable and encourages students to continue their music education.

II. Professional Growth

- A. Has taught a minimum of ten years (career teacher); five years (new teacher).
- B. Continues to improve knowledge by enrolling in education courses for advanced degrees, attending workshops, in-service programs, clinics, etc.
- C. Has been recognized by area organizations, school, P.T.A., or community groups.

III. Human Relations

- A. Demonstrates/demonstrated a caring attitude toward students and serves as an excellent role model.

- B. Has received letters in personnel file from students, colleagues, parents, and/or supervisor/administrator relating to contributions to the growth of students.
- C. Demonstrates/demonstrated the ability to inspire students to learn.
- D. Encourages and helps students to build self esteem and confidence.
- E. Works cooperatively with total school staff, parents, and community.
- F. Demonstrates performance above and beyond the call of duty.

IV. Award Procedures

The Awards Committee will serve as judges to review the nominations and select the eligible candidates. Awards are given in each of two categories.

The two categories are:

· **Career Teacher:**

A tenured teacher with a minimum of ten years teaching experience.

· **New Teacher:**

A tenured teacher with five years teaching experience.

V. Deadline

Signed Nomination Response Sheet, Nominee Biographical Information, letters of recommendation and related material are to be sent to the MMEA Member-at-Large by **January 14, 2012**. No material will be returned.

VI. Award Presentation

Awards will be presented at an Awards Reception with time and place to be announced. A letter of distinction will also be sent to the appropriate administrator for the teacher's personal file. This contact information must be included in the application packet. Recognition of the recipients will be included in the *Maryland Music Educator*, official publication of the Maryland Music Educators Association.

Nominee Biographical Information

Name of Nominee _____
Last First Middle

School _____ Phone _____

School Address _____ ZIP _____

Home Address _____ Phone _____
 _____ ZIP _____

Email _____

Submit this form with the Nomination Response Sheet by **January 14, 2012**, to Erica C. Confair, MMEA Member-at-Large, 5 Dalecrest Ct. Apt. 203, Lutherville-Timonium, MD 21093.