



Minnesota Music Educators Association

Music Educator of the Year

This award recognizes exemplary music teachers throughout Minnesota that have demonstrated excellence in teaching, leadership, and advocacy in music education.

Teachers will be awarded in each of the following categories:

- Elementary School Music Educator
- Middle School Music Educator
- High School Music Educator
- Collegiate Music Educator
- Community Music Educator

Criteria:

Nominees must:

- exemplify excellence in music learning and teaching
- be actively teaching in a Minnesota public, private, charter, or community school
- have completed at least **five years** of teaching

Application Requirements:

1. Acquire permission from the Nominee before submitting nomination materials. Application will require uploading a high quality headshot of the Nominee. While it is an honor to be nominated, not everyone may want the attention.
2. Recommendation letter from the nominating teacher/administrator: Provide a statement of support that describes your relationship with the candidate, as well as the Nominee's career accomplishments and contributions to music education. See below for additional letter criteria.
3. A current resumé of the Nominee
4. At least **one** additional letter of recommendation from:
 - a. A parent or student (present or former) from the Nominee's current teaching setting **AND/OR**
 - b. A music educator or administrator
 - c. All recommendation letters should include:
 - i. The length and nature of the relationship between the recommending person and the nominee;

- ii. A short statement explaining what makes this Nominee exceptional and deserving of this award;
- iii. Examples of how the Nominee has demonstrated effectiveness and impact as an outstanding music educator;
- iv. Examples of how the Nominee promotes equity, diversity, creativity, and innovation as a music educator among students, families, and their school community;
- v. And, examples of the Nominee's contributions to music education through active service/involvement in local, district, state, regional, or professional organizations.

MMEA Music Educators of the Year will receive a certificate and have their name engraved in a plaque at Ted Mann Concert Hall in the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities.

Previous winners of the Educator of the Year award are NOT eligible. Nominees and nominators will be notified of the results of the Awards Committee's deliberations.

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