



Wyoming Music Educators Association Awards Program

**Music Educator of the Year Award
Outstanding Young Music Educator Award
Distinguished Service Award
Give A Note Foundation Award**

The Wyoming Music Educators Association Awards Program supports WMEA's effort to recognize the outstanding achievements of our peers and affiliates as well as those outside the music education profession. We strive to honor our most distinguished colleagues and increase the visibility of our supportive associates.

Nominations are made by regional districts and selected by the WMEA Governing Board.

Review the award criteria carefully and compile the requested support documents. Nominations without the required supporting information will not be considered. All "extra" documentation or materials will not be considered in selection.

PDF Nomination packets are due to the WMEA Executive Director by the May Executive Board meeting. Nominations that meet the submission criteria will be provided to the board, via Dropbox, two weeks prior to the September board meeting.



Award Nomination Form

Complete One Form for Each Award Nominee

- Music Educator of the Year Award
- Outstanding Young Music Educator
- Distinguished Service Award
- Give A Note Award

WMEA _____ District

Name of Nominee _____

Position _____

Address _____

City/Zip _____

Telephone _____

Nominator _____

Relationship to Nominee _____

Address _____

City/Zip _____

Telephone _____

Signature _____

Submission of Nomination and Supporting Materials:

1. Submit only what is asked for in each award category. Please do not provide additional materials. The Board will only consider the required information.
2. Include nomination form for each nominee, indicating the award under consideration.
3. Include a candidate photo.
4. Provide one copy of the materials to the WMEA President at the spring Executive Board Meeting.



Award Nomination: *Music Educator of the Year*

Purpose: The purpose of this award is to recognize and honor a WMEA member for excellence in music education. The award is made to individuals who have served their students, schools and communities in an exemplary way.

Eligibility: Any WMEA member who is currently teaching and has not previously received the award is eligible. Nominees must have taught seven years and be a current music educator from any level in a school, college or university in Wyoming.

Nominations: Nominations are made at the district meetings during the WMEA State Music Conference. District Presidents shall submit PDF of nomination materials to the WMEA Executive Director by the May Executive Board meeting.

Selection and Presentation: The recipient shall be selected by a majority vote of the WMEA Governing Board at the September Board Meeting. The award shall be presented at the All-State Banquet in January. This award shall be presented annually.

Entry: With the exception of the vitae, nomination submissions should NOT be completed by the nominee. Nomination submission should be concise and type-written to include:

1. Nomination form and photo.
2. One-page current vitae of candidate, including:
 - educational and professional experience
 - employment history and current teaching assignment
 - significant achievements, contributions or service to music and music education
3. Three letters of recommendation from the following, which address the nominees teaching excellence and characteristics as an outstanding music educator:
 - an administrator from the nominee's current program
 - another music educator or professional peer
 - a current parent or student

Letters of Recommendation:

1. Keep the letter to one page in length.
2. Describe the nature of the relationship to the nominee (student, colleague, etc.).
3. Support statements with specific examples. Consideration should be given to excellence in music education, leadership, professionalism and human relations.
4. Factual information is preferred to subjective judgments. If an opinion is expressed, identify it as an opinion and explain the circumstances upon which you base the opinion.



Award Nomination: *Outstanding Young Music Educator*

Purpose: The purpose of this award is to recognize and honor a WMEA member for distinction in music education. The award is made to young teachers who have made an exemplary contribution to the music experience of their students.

Eligibility: Any WMEA member who is currently teaching and has not previously received the award is eligible. Nominees must have taught six years or less and be a current music educator from any level in a school, college, or university in Wyoming.

Nominations: Nominations are made at the district meetings during the WMEA State Music Conference. District Presidents shall submit PDF of nomination materials to the WMEA Executive Director by the May Executive Board meeting.

Selection and Presentation: The recipient shall be selected by a majority vote of the WMEA Executive Board at the September Board Meeting. The award shall be presented at the All-State Banquet in January. This award shall be presented annually.

Entry: With the exception of the vitae, nomination submissions should NOT be completed by the nominee. Nomination submission should be concise and type-written to include:

1. Nomination form and photo.
2. One-page current vitae of candidate, including:
 - educational and professional experience
 - employment history and current teaching assignment
 - significant achievements, contributions or service to music and music education
3. Three letters of recommendation from the following, which address the nominees teaching excellence and characteristics as an outstanding music educator:
 - an administrator from the nominee's current program
 - another music educator or professional peer
 - a current parent or student

Letters of Recommendation:

1. Keep the letter to one page in length.
2. Describe the nature of the relationship to the nominee (student, colleague, etc.).
3. Support statements with specific examples. Consideration should be given to excellence in music education, leadership, professionalism and human relations.
4. Factual information is preferred to subjective judgments. If an opinion is expressed, identify it as an opinion and explain the circumstances upon which you base the opinion.



Award Nomination: *Distinguished Service*

Purpose: The purpose of the award is to recognize outstanding service to music education in Wyoming by persons or organizations that are not professional music educators but who have a direct impact on music education and/or provide support services to the music education community.

Eligibility: Any person who meets the purpose and is not a professional music educator or any organization composed of persons who are not music educators is eligible. This award is intended to recognize and salute individuals or groups who provide direct contributions to music education through service or have demonstrated ongoing support for music education.

Potential Nominees: Administrators, accompanists, booster organizations, secretaries or assistants, retired music educators, music instruction programs, support technicians, industry representatives, performing artists, businesses or service organizations

Nominations: Nominations are made at the district meetings during the WMEA State Music Conference. District Presidents shall submit PDF of nomination materials to the WMEA Executive Director by the May Executive Board meeting.

Selection and Presentation: The recipient shall be selected by a majority vote of the WMEA Governing Board at the September Board Meeting. The award shall be presented at the All-State Banquet in January. This award may be presented annually.

Entry: Nomination submission should NOT be completed by the nominee.
Nomination submission should be concise and type-written to include:

1. Nomination form and photo
2. One-page resume of candidate, including:
 - description and length of service
 - summary of achievements, contributions or services which qualify this candidate for the award
3. Three letters of recommendation from the following:
 - the person nominating the candidate
 - another WMEA member with knowledge of this candidate
 - an administrator

Letters of Recommendation:

1. Keep the letter to one page in length.
2. Describe the nature of the relationship to the nominee (student, colleague, etc.).
3. Support statements with specific examples. Consideration should be given to quality of service, number of years involved, and number of people affected.
4. Factual information is preferred to subjective judgments. If an opinion is expressed, identify it as such and explain the circumstances upon which you base the opinion.



Award Nomination: *Give A Note*

Purpose: The *Give A Note Foundation* seeks to expand and increase music education opportunities for all children and help them develop skills needed for success in the 21st Century; to improve and expand music education for ALL by effecting changes in the general public's perception of its importance. This honor should be given to a person or group who increases public awareness and promotes public support for music education. Their efforts allow music education to reach out beyond the parameters of the teaching profession to the world in which American's learn about and make music.

Eligibility: Any person who meets the purpose and is not a professional music educator or any organization composed of persons who are not professional music educators is eligible. The award will be made to an individual, organization or corporation that has contributed in an extraordinary manner to the support and promotion of music education in the State of Wyoming.

Potential Nominees: Arts organizations, written or visual media, corporate sponsors, partner organizations or businesses.

Nominations: Nominations are made at the district meetings during the WMEA State Music Conference. District Presidents shall submit PDF of nomination materials to the WMEA Executive Director by the May Executive Board meeting.

Selection and Presentation: The recipient shall be selected by a majority vote of the WMEA Governing Board at the September Board Meeting. The award shall be presented at the All-State Banquet in January. This award may be presented annually.

Entry: Nomination NOT to be completed by candidate.
Nomination submission should be concise and type-written to include:

1. Nomination form and photo.
2. One-page resume of candidate, including:
 - description of the individual or organization
 - summary of contributions or services which qualify this applicant for the award
3. Three letters of recommendation from the following:
 - a WMEA member with knowledge of this candidate
 - a community leader
 - a school administrator

Letters of Recommendation:

1. Keep the letter to one page in length.
2. Describe the nature of the relationship to the nominee (student, colleague, etc.).
3. Support statements with specific examples. Consideration should be given to the type, level and frequency of support and promotion of music education in Wyoming.
4. Factual information is preferred to subjective judgments. If an opinion is expressed, identify it as such and explain the circumstances upon which you base the opinion.