



WISCONSIN AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING MUSIC

NOMINATION PACKET

*The purpose of the
Wisconsin Award for Excellence in Teaching Music is to
recognize, reward, and encourage excellence in music teaching
by Wisconsin's best professional educators.*

Due: May 31 annually

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INTRODUCTION

Wisconsin School Music Association and Wisconsin Music Educators Association are proud to sponsor a way to recognize professional educators who inspire students with their own passion for music. These organizations have partnered together to honor these educators with the distinctive **Wisconsin Award for Excellence in Teaching Music**. This award will be presented annually to one recipient, selected through a nomination and evaluation process.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO BE NOMINATED

The candidate must have:

1. At least 10 years certified experience teaching music in a public and/or private school.
2. Service to WSMA (adjudicator, committee member) and/or WMEA (council member, conference involvement).

Nominations are for individual teachers only, not groups.

NOMINATION PROCESS

Anyone is welcome to nominate a teacher for the Wisconsin Award for Excellence in Teaching Music. Three people with different relationships (student, parent, administrator, colleague, community member, etc.) with the candidate each need to complete the enclosed Nomination Form. In addition, the candidate must complete and submit the Candidate's Form. All nomination forms must be sent to WSMA/WMEA postmarked on or before **May 31**.

**Attn: Award for Excellence in Teaching
WSMA/WMEA
1005 Quinn Dr
Waunakee, WI 53597**

AWARD REVIEW PROCESS

All award nomination forms will be reviewed by a committee made up of members of the WSMA Board of Directors, the WMEA Executive Board, WSMA staff, and others. Award recipients will be announced in September. Awards will be presented at an event of the candidate's choosing (school concert, WSMA Concert Festival, or another suitable occasion).

RECIPIENT(S) WILL RECEIVE:

- An engraved plaque to be presented to them at the event of their choice
- Letter of Commendation from the State Superintendent of Public Instruction sent to their school district
- Name engraved on a plaque in the Wisconsin Center for Music Education

TIMELINE:

- May 31 - Nomination forms (x3) and candidate's form due (last day for postmark)
- September- Recipient is contacted

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School _____

List Music Subjects Taught _____

Nominating Person's Name _____

Nominator's Phone Number (____) _____ Email: _____

As the person nominating this teacher, check one box best describing you:

- Student Former Student Parent (of a student or former student)
 Administrator Teacher Colleague Community Member

Please answer the following questions describing the teacher you are nominating for the Wisconsin Award for Excellence in Teaching Music. Use additional pages if necessary.

1. How has this teacher made a difference in their students' lives?

2. How has this teacher made a difference in their school community?

3. How has this teacher made a difference in their community? Include community activities (church/synagogue work, service clubs, civic organizations, etc.) in your response.

4. Why do you feel the candidate deserves this award?

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Dear Colleague,

Congratulations! You are being nominated to receive the **Wisconsin Award for Excellence in Teaching Music**, sponsored by Wisconsin School Music Association and Wisconsin Music Educators Association. This award recognizes professional educators who inspire students with their own passion for music. The recipient(s) of the **Wisconsin Award for Excellence in Teaching Music** will be announced in September.

Recipients will receive:

- An engraved plaque to be presented to them at the event of their choice
- Letter of commendation from the State Superintendent of Public Instruction sent to their school district
- Name engraved on a plaque in the Wisconsin Center for Music Education

As part of the nomination process, please answer the following questions, and return this form to WSMA/WMEA by **May 31**. Use additional pages if necessary.

Candidate's Name _____ School _____

Questions for Candidate:

1. List your professional certified teaching experience, including number of years taught, grade levels, and locations.

2. Please list your service to Wisconsin's professional music organizations, WSMA and WMEA. (WSMA - adjudicator, committee member, etc; WMEA - council member, conference clinician, etc.)

3. Why do you teach?