

Award Nomination Criteria

The Utah Music Educators Association wishes to recognize the contributions of its membership and those who support music education in Utah. UMEA members and those associated with UMEA (principals, district officials) may nominate candidates for these awards. Award recipients are presented at the general session of the association's annual Mid-Winter Professional Development Conference held in St. George, Utah in February. Nominations should include a written statement, describing why the nominee is a viable candidate for the award. Award descriptions follow:

Outstanding Music Educator: top state award endowed for an outstanding music educator's long-term, meritorious service, assistance and inspiration to students, to the state, and to music teachers. The recipient must be an active member of UMEA who has demonstrated an enduring commitment to excellence in music education.

Superior Accomplishment Award: awarded for one, specifically outstanding accomplishment. This award could be granted for an accomplishment such as: special scholarship; grants; recognition from other professional organizations; national or regional convention performances; prestigious conducting invitations; workshop presentations; publication of compositions, books or other scholarly creation.

Service to Music Education Award: given to a non-UMEA member; someone outside the music education profession who has given special service, assistance and opportunities to further enhance music education and the fine arts.

Senior High School Music Award: awarded to a high school music teacher who has consistently demonstrated distinct, commendable achievement and service to students and the profession; someone who has participated in and contributed to the activities sponsored by UMEA. The recipient must be a member of UMEA.

Junior High/Middle School Music Award: awarded to a junior high/middle school music teacher who has consistently demonstrated distinct, commendable achievement and service to students and to the profession; someone who has participated in and contributed to activities sponsored by UMEA. The recipient must be a member of UMEA.

Elementary Music Award: granted to an elementary teacher or elementary music specialist whose contributions expand and enrich the elementary music experience. The recipient must be a UMEA member or hold TECM membership.

Outstanding Administrator Award: awarded to a public school administrator who has demonstrated commitment to and support of music education in the schools. Nomination may be for long-term music program support or for an outstanding, one-time contribution.

UMEA Hall of Fame Award: awarded to an individual, living or deceased, whose long-term, meritorious service, assistance and inspiration to students, the state and other music teachers has made a lasting and profound impression. The recipient must be or (if deceased) was an active member of UMEA who demonstrated an enduring commitment to excellence in music education and whose legacy will be remembered.

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