

## **Mississippi Music Teachers Association**

### **Outstanding MMTA Teacher Award**

#### **Name of Award:**

The name of the award is Outstanding MMTA Teacher Award.

#### **Eligibility:**

To be eligible for the Outstanding MMTA Teacher Award, the nominee must be a current member of MMTA with membership in MMTA for a minimum of five years and MTNA for a minimum of ten years. The recipient may be teaching currently, retired, or no longer able to teach.

#### **Description:**

The Outstanding MMTA Teacher Award may be presented to a member of MMTA in recognition of the following (inclusive):

- sustained excellence in teaching,
- inspiration and achievement in teaching,
- professional growth as a teacher, and
- leadership and service to colleagues, to MMTA, and to the music teaching profession.

The award, to be presented at the MMTA Conference Banquet, shall include an appropriately inscribed plaque as well as recognition in *Mississippi Music Teacher* and in the printed Conference program booklet. The award winner's conference and banquet fees shall be waived for the year of presentation.

#### **Nomination and Selection Procedure:**

- Nomination for the Outstanding MMTA Teacher Award may be made by an individual MMTA member or by an MMTA local affiliate.
- The required completed Online Nomination Form, including Nomination Letter (see below) must reach the Outstanding Teacher Committee Chair (Immediate Past President) no later than midnight May 30 of the year of nomination.
- The Outstanding MMTA Teacher Committee shall be chaired by the Immediate Past President, who with the VP of Collegiate and National Competitions and the VP of Pre-College Performances shall constitute the Outstanding MMTA Teacher Committee and as such will determine the name to be recommended to the MMTA Executive Board for affirmation to receive the Outstanding MMTA Teacher Award.
- The MMTA Executive Board shall vote on the recommended nominee. The decision of the Executive Board shall be final.
- Subsequent to affirmation by the Board, the Committee Chair will notify the winner and the nominator. The nominator will then gather testimonials from students of the winner, parents of students, and/or professional colleagues in support of the winner's selection as the recipient of the Outstanding MMTA Teacher Award.
- These testimonials and supporting materials shall be prepared for presentation to the recipient in a form to be determined by the nominator, such as an album or binder, which may or may not include pictures.

**Method of Nomination:**

The required completed Outstanding MMTA Teacher Nomination Form, found on the MMTA website, must reach the Award Committee Chair no later than midnight, May 30.

**Criteria to be addressed in the Nomination Letter:**

- The nominee's music educational background
- The nominee's record of Sustained Excellence in Teaching, perhaps including preparing students for Master Classes, or teaching such classes. Excellence in Teaching may include success in the teaching of learning or physically disabled students, as well as students who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in festivals, competitions, and MMTA Evaluations.
- The nominee's record of pursuing Professional Development, Continuing Education in music/music teaching, and personal professional growth as a teacher, possible MTNA certification
- The nominee's sustained record of leadership and service to MMTA and/or local affiliate.

*The Online Nomination Form itself should contain instructions and the email address of the chair as well as all contact info for nominee and nominator. The **form itself should be updated** as needed, in particular since the office of Immediate Past President will change on schedule. The form itself should first provide a specific blank to contain information re the nominee's MMTA/MTNA membership tenure since that is the only pre-condition for a nomination. Instructions should follow for submitting a Nomination letter within the body of the Online Nomination Form so that one electronic mailing contains everything needed.*