



Surprising Solutions: Arts Education

2018 Arts Education Awards

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Mississippi Alliance for Arts Education (MAAE) is seeking nominations for the 2018 Arts Education Awards. Awards will be presented at the Arts Education Awards Ceremony in June on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

NOMINATION PROCESS

Teachers, administrators and program/institution leaders may nominate themselves or their own programs, or others may nominate them. Each award category requires a completed nomination form, a narrative that answers several questions, and supporting documents. Deadline for receipt of the complete nomination packet is **Saturday, April 21, 2018**.

PLEASE NOTE: Award recipients must be present at the MAAE Arts Education Awards Event to receive the award.

SELECTION PROCESS

An awards panel that includes representatives from across the state will review and evaluate all nominations submitted by the deadline. **The recipient will be notified about selection by May 21, 2018.** All other nominees will receive written notification once the awards have been publicly announced. **ONLY COMPLETE NOMINATION PACKETS** will be considered. Requests for the return of nomination materials must be accompanied by a self-addressed return mail package that includes adequate postage.

Please help us recognize an individual, a school, or an institution that has demonstrated exemplary achievement by submitting a nomination in one of the following award categories:

AWARD CATEGORIES AND CRITERIA

School of Excellence/School District Arts Program Award

To recognize and honor individual schools or school districts that make the arts an essential part of education by:

- 1) Teaching the arts as specific disciplines;
- 2) Making strong interdisciplinary connections between the arts and other subjects;
- 3) Promoting imaginative learning environments that include hands-on, creative arts-based instructional practices;
- 4) Providing opportunities for multicultural learning through the arts.

Up to six awards are made annually, providing that a sufficient pool of nominees is available.

Thad Cochran Distinguished Arts Educator Award

To honor Pre K-12 arts discipline specialists, teachers, curriculum coordinators, or project directors who integrate the arts for:

- 1) Superior teaching, including evidence of strong interdisciplinary planning;
- 2) Professional involvement and leadership beyond the classroom;
- 3) Ability to communicate effectively about arts education.

One award is made annually in each discipline, including dance, music, theatre, visual art, media arts, and arts integration, providing that a sufficient pool of nominees is available.

Outstanding Administrator Award

To honor a superintendent, district coordinator or principal:

- 1) Demonstrating support for, and commitment to high quality arts education programs;
- 2) Active advocacy for the arts and excellent rapport with students, teachers, parents, and the community;
- 3) Outstanding leadership in motivating teachers, other administrators, school boards, parents and community organizations to provide the best possible education—one that includes the arts—for all students.

One award is made annually, providing that a sufficient pool of nominees is available.

Arts Advocacy Award

To honor individuals, organizations, corporations, etc., who are strong advocates for arts education by:

- 1) Demonstrating support for, and commitment to high quality arts education programs;
- 2) Engaging in professional activity and leadership;
- 3) Offering outstanding leadership in motivating teachers, administrators, school boards, parents and community organizations to provide the best possible education—one that includes the arts—for all students;
- 4) Advocating for the arts and arts-in-education at the school district, community, regional or state levels
- 5) Sharing enthusiasm, creativity, and imagination to support an arts-centric Mississippi.

One award is made annually, providing that a sufficient pool of nominees is available.

Excellence in Higher Education Award

To honor individuals, departments and/or institutions in higher education for:

- 1) Superior teaching, including evidence of arts education leadership or research;
- 2) Professional activity and leadership beyond the local campus;
- 3) Evidence of modeling best practices of arts education through teacher education courses and programs

One award is made annually, providing that a sufficient pool of nominees is available.

Exemplary Arts Service Award

To honor a MAAE member or organization that demonstrates outstanding achievement, service or contribution to arts education in Mississippi. To be eligible for this award, the nominee must be a member of MAAE. In addition, the nominee must have worked in the field of arts education for at least 5 years while demonstrating some of the following:

- 1) Active participation in the development of or support for arts programs, (e.g., artist residencies in the schools, summer arts camps, after school programs);
- 2) Leadership in developing partnerships between schools and the community for use of cultural resources such as visits to cultural institutions, organizations, and events (art museums, concerts, and performances of opera, dance, theatre, etc.);
- 3) Advocacy for the arts and arts-in-education at the school district, community, regional or state levels;
- 4) Financial or in-kind support of arts programs in a school district.

One award is made annually and bestowed only when there is a candidate worthy of recognition. The MAAE Board of Directors upon recommendation by the awards panel will select the award recipient.

Distinguished Community Arts Agency/Cultural Institution Program Award

To honor a community arts agency or cultural institution that has been in operation at least five years and has made significant contributions to teachers, students and the community through arts programs and collaborative partnerships that:

- 1) Stimulate community support for the arts and arts education in the schools and community;
- 2) Demonstrate models of partnering with schools, other cultural institutions, and/or the business community to develop arts programs for youth and adults;
- 3) Serve as a resource to schools or community arts organizations and provide services to facilitate the production of arts events performed by students.

One award is made annually, providing that a sufficient pool of nominees is available.

Lifetime Achievement in Arts Education Award

To honor individuals for:

- 1) Consistently making outstanding contributions to arts education throughout a career
- 2) Advocacy for arts education throughout a career
- 3) Professional activity and leadership in arts education beyond the occupational setting

One award is made annually, providing that a sufficient pool of nominees is available.

*Nomination forms may be printed or downloaded from the MAAE website:
<http://www.msartsalliance.com/news-events/arts-education-awards/>*

Nomination Form and Supporting Materials

Please read the description of the criteria for each award carefully.

Required for nomination packet:

- 1) Nomination form** (see next page)
- 2) Current vita/resume** (for individual award nominees only)
- 3) Biography of 100 words**
- 4) Three letters of recommendation from individuals such as:**
 - Current school district Superintendent or Chief Executive Officer;
 - Immediate supervisor (such as dance, music, theatre, visual art, or classroom supervisor, or another administrator familiar with your teaching or work);
 - One person of your choice who is knowledgeable about your teaching or work.
- 5) Enclose the following:**
 - A Thumbdrive with a head shot of the nominee for the individual awards OR a picture of the group's board, school arts leaders, etc., **AND 6-8 still photos** that *show the story* to celebrate the arts in education work to accompany the application. **BE SURE that the pictures showcase the reasons the person/school/group DESERVES the award.**

Please Note: The complete packet as described above must be submitted by U.S. mail.

Nomination deadline: Saturday, April 21, 2018

Send the complete packet to:

**Win Maxey-Shumate, MAAE Awards Chair
Meridian Community College
910 Hwy 19 North
Meridian, MS 39307**

Please share this information with:

**Arts Teachers, Principals, Administrators, School Committees, Arts Advocates, Higher Education Faculty,
Local Museums, Cultural Institutions and Community Arts Programs**

AWARDS NOMINATION FORM 2018

Please check only ONE award category per nomination:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> School of Excellence/School District | <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding Administrator of the Year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thad Cochran Distinguished Arts Educator | <input type="checkbox"/> Exemplary Arts Service Award |
| (check one) <input type="checkbox"/> Dance <input type="checkbox"/> Arts Integration <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Excellence in Higher Education Award |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Theatre <input type="checkbox"/> Visual Arts <input type="checkbox"/> Media Arts | <input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime Achievement Award |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Distinguished Community Arts Agency <i>or</i> | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Institution Program Award | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arts Advocacy Award | |
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Nominee: _____ Phone (day) _____
Address: _____ Phone (evening) _____
City: _____ Zip: _____ Fax: _____
E-mail: _____

Check one of the following statements:

The nominee is a member of MAAE. The nominee is interested in becoming a member of MAAE.

If nominee is a school, district, institution, or agency, please supply the following information:

Name of school/district/institution/agency: _____

Individual's position/title: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ E-mail: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Fax: _____

Total teaching/administrative experience: (number of years – all positions) _____

Total number of years at current position: _____

Supervisor's Name: _____ Superintendent's Name: _____

Please list professional arts and community organizations in which the individual nominee is an active member. Indicate offices and responsibilities held in these organizations (use a separate sheet, if necessary).

Your Name: _____ Phone (day) _____

Address: _____ Phone (evening) _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Email: _____

In what capacity do you know the nominee? _____

MAAE Awards Nomination Narrative

Please read and respond to all questions. Base answers on ways the nominee meets the stated criteria for the award. Please limit your response to 500 words or less for each question. Use a separate sheet if necessary.

1. **PRACTICE:** Describe events or experiences from the past five years that illustrate how the nominee is directly involved in arts education. *(20 points)*
2. **PERFORMANCE:** What qualities distinguish the nominee from others who do similar work? *(30 points)*
3. **ACHIEVEMENT:** In what ways has the nominee been recognized for excellence or leadership in arts education? *(25 points)*
4. **COMMITMENT:** How does the nominee promote the benefits of arts education that this award celebrates? *(25 points)*

The Mississippi Alliance for Arts Education is the statewide arts advocacy organization, committed to increasing public understanding of the benefits of arts education and providing arts education for all students—from their first school day until graduation.

The mission of the Mississippi Alliance for Arts Education is to advocate for high quality, comprehensive, and sequential arts education for all Mississippi students.

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