

NYSSMA® Early Career Achievement Award

**To honor outstanding contributions of music educators in NYS
at the local level in the first 5-9 years of their career**

Purpose:

To give recognition through service to Music Education for exceptional support and outstanding accomplishments by one or more of our members in the advancement of music education in the schools of New York, public or private through the collegiate level.

Nominee Eligibility:

- Must be a full-time NYSSMA® member who is employed in the field of music education for 5-9 years.
- Must be employed in New York State at time of application.
- Has demonstrated effectiveness in teaching young people through music and who has the ability to inspire positive attitudes among students, the school and community in a balanced program.
- Has demonstrated a concern for music education by active involvement in NYSSMA®, as well as other local and district activities.

Method of Nomination:

Any member of NYSSMA® may nominate a person(s) deemed worthy of this special recognition.

- Complete the form below
- Attach your letter of recommendation
- Attach two additional letters of recommendation, one preferably from an administrator and the other from a music teacher. Letters may be sent via email or as a hard copy.

Number of Awards to Be Presented Annually:

No more than two NYSSMA Early Career Achievement Awards will be given in one year.

Method of Selection:

- The NYSSMA® Awards and Recognition Committee will review each nomination
- If not selected, individuals submitting nominations can petition the committee to reconsider the application the following year
- The committee reserves the right to not recommend any award recipients when appropriate.

Presentation:

The Awards and Recognition Committee will recommend the recipient to the NYSSMA® President who will notify said recipient of the award. The award may be presented at a local function.

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Nominee Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Nominator Information

Name: _____ NAFME/NYSSMA® No.: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

In your application letter, please include any of the applicable information, such as:

- Quality of service rendered, number of years involved
- Number of people affected
- Service given beyond the call of duty

Remember to also include 3 additional letters of recommendation.

This form with letters of recommendation should be mailed or e-mailed to:

Susan L. Weber
Awards and Recognition Committee Chairperson
588 Haddon Lane, East Meadow, NY 11554
or e-mailed to
awards@NYSSMA.org
Applications must be received by May 15.