

LEADERS IN ARTS EDUCATION

Leaders in arts education are individual adults who have demonstrated commitment to the arts and exceptional leadership, which have influenced arts education in the schools (K-12) of New Jersey, including but not limited to:

- educators/administrators who have demonstrated excellence and dedication in arts education; and
- state and/or nationally recognized leaders who have demonstrated commitment and made exceptional contributions to arts education in New Jersey.

A leader in arts education may receive a Governor's Award in Arts Education **only once** for each award category listed in this guidebook.

AWARD: Distinguished Service Award

AWARD SPONSOR: Institute for Arts and Humanities Education (IAHE)

The Institute for Arts and Humanities Education (IAHE) recognizes individuals who demonstrate sustained, innovative contributions to arts education.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Individuals being considered for this award must demonstrate accomplishment of the following:

- A. A number of years of service to the State of New Jersey;
- B. A number of years of service to the IAHE;
- C. Extended geographic reach of their service;
- D. Originality of contributions to arts education;
- E. Lasting impact of their service; and
- F. Recognition by other organizations.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

Names of potential candidates are solicited from volunteers, faculty, board members, the advisory council, and alumni. The recipient is selected by the IAHE board.

DEADLINE: There is no deadline – the award is made when appropriate.

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER(S):
Institute for Arts and Humanities Education
(IAHE)

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AWARD: Corporate Philanthropy Award

AWARD SPONSOR: Institute for Arts and Humanities Education (IAHE)

The Corporate Philanthropy Award is given to a member of the business community in recognition of the significant contributions they have made to the arts education field.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Eligible corporations are those who have demonstrated outstanding support for the arts education field in both financial giving and volunteerism.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

Corporations are nominated by the Executive Director of the Institute for Arts and Humanities Education. Selection of the award winner will be made through a discussion and voting process conducted by the Executive Director and Board of Directors.

DEADLINE: February 1, annually

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AWARD(S): Education in the Arts Award

AWARD SPONSOR: VSA arts of New Jersey

Due to the varied placements of classified students, educators/administrators will be recognized in whatever New Jersey facility they serve students.

1. Outstanding Educator Award:

The Outstanding Educator Award is presented to outstanding educators who demonstrate support for and commitment to high-quality arts education programs in their schools/facilities and communities for classified students in special education programs.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- A. Candidates must have been involved with classified students in New Jersey self-contained and/or inclusive arts programs for a minimum of five years.
- B. Candidates must have demonstrated extensive influence within the community which has benefited and/or promoted the arts for classified students.
- C. Candidates must have shared their expertise with others, e.g., students, parents, and other professionals.

DEADLINE: January 8, annually

2. Outstanding Administrator Award:

The Outstanding Administrator Award is presented to outstanding administrators who demonstrate support and commitment to high-quality arts education programs in their schools and communities for classified students in special education programs.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- A. The candidates must have been involved as administrators with classified students in New Jersey arts programs for a minimum of five years.
- B. Support must be evidenced in two or more arts forms, e.g., music, dance, theater, visual arts, literary arts, media.
- C. Candidates must have demonstrated support for the arts for classified students through such areas as budget, accessible facilities, adaptive materials and equipment, availability of

staff, specialists and/or consultants to properly implement programs, curriculum development, and scheduling.

- D. Supervisors/coordinators of a single art form qualify for this award if they meet criteria A and C.

DEADLINE: January 8, annually

3. Distinguished Service Award

The Distinguished Service Award is presented to individuals who have demonstrated outstanding commitment to arts education and have made exceptional contributions to arts education in New Jersey for classified students in arts programs.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

The candidates must have been involved in endeavors that promote arts programs or experiences for classified students on a major scale over a period of time.

DEADLINE: January 8, annually

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS FOR ALL VSA AWARDS:

- A. Applications for nominations are mailed statewide to public school districts; private schools; private and state facilities serving students who are classified; parent/teacher organizations; community service organizations; and private, county, and state agencies. Announcements are made in professional publications. Applications are also available through the VSA/NJ office.
- B. A nomination must be submitted by an adult other than the candidate.
- C. Applications are reviewed by the VSA arts of New Jersey Awards Committee and scored according to materials submitted with the application for the specific award.

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER(S):
VSA arts of New Jersey (VSA/NJ)

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VSA arts of New Jersey
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AWARD: Distinguished Teaching Artist Award

AWARD SPONSOR: New Jersey State Council on the Arts (NJSCA)

The purpose of this award is to publicly recognize excellence among teaching artists in the NJSCA Artists-in-Education (AIE) Program, New Jersey Writers Project and the Southern New Jersey/Camden Project. These artists have gone through a rigorous review process that assesses the artistic quality of their work and their ability to work well in an educational setting. All reapplying artists who have completed residencies in schools with continual success are eligible for this award.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- A. Candidates must be reapplying artists to the NJSCA Artists-in-Education Program.
- B. Candidates must have residency experience through the Artists-in-Education Program.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

Reapplying artists must meet the criteria set forth in the AIE Guidelines and Application and the required supplemental narrative information. The award is given to those reapplying artists who receive a perfect review from the AIE panel.

DEADLINE: Middle of February, annually

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER(S):
New Jersey State Council on the Arts

CONTACT:
Robin Middleman
Arts Education & Artist Services
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Trenton, NJ 08625
609- 292-6130 or 984-6815

AWARD: Dance Education Award

AWARD SPONSOR: NJ Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (NJAPERD)

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- A. Is currently or has been a teacher of dance in a public or private school, college, or university (excluding private studios).
- B. Promotes dance as part of the curriculum and as a performing art.
- C. Contributes to the growth of dance in the state of New Jersey.
- D. Conducts workshops and lectures and/or demonstrates a means to further educate teachers and students.
- E. Member of NJAPERD.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

- A. Nominations may be submitted by any person (and may be a self-nomination).
- B. Nominations should be submitted to the Honor Awards Chairperson by November 15 of each year.
- C. Selection to be made by the Honor Awards Committee.

DEADLINE: November 15, annually.

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER(S):
New Jersey Association for Health,
Recreation, Physical Education and Dance
(NJAPERD)

CONTACT:
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Wayne, NJ 07470
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973-509-4278 (School)

AWARD: NJCTE Outstanding Language Arts Educator of the Year

AWARD SPONSOR: NJ Council of Teachers of English (NJCTE)

This award recognizes a New Jersey public or non public school educator, supervisor, or administrator (preschool to university) whose activities have significantly impacted English language arts education beyond the confines of a single school district.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

The nominee promotes English language arts education by such activities as representing New Jersey nationally, publishing reviews and educational articles in relevant journals, developing and organizing conferences, presenting workshops, producing influential texts in the field, sponsoring statewide student activities, and/or other similar practices.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

- A. Forms for nomination or self-nomination appear in the spring issue of the NJCTE newsletter, "FOCUS," may be downloaded from www.bergen.org/NJCTE, or obtained by sending a school-addressed, stamped business envelope to the contact person listed below.
- B. Nomination requires both a brief written statement from the nominator indicating why the educator should receive the award, two accompanying letters of recommendation (from administrators, colleagues, and/or a present or former student), and a brief resume or vita.
- C. Should the applicant be a semi-finalist, he or she will be asked to add a personal statement on English/language arts education and a picture suitable for the NJCTE newsletter.
- D. An NJCTE selection committee reviews the applications (which are viable for three years) and presents that year's candidate to the NJCTE Executive Board for final approval.
- E. NJCTE recommends the recipient of the NJCTE Outstanding Language Arts Educator of the Year for a NJ Governor's Award in Arts Education; publishes the recipient's personal statement in "FOCUS", the NJCTE newsletter, and publicly honors the person at a special event.

DEADLINE: November 30, annually

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER(S):
New Jersey Council of Teachers of English (NJCTE)

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Cranford, NJ 07016
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AWARD: Outstanding Literacy in the Arts Educator Award

AWARD SPONSOR: New Jersey Reading Association

This award recognizes an outstanding New Jersey public or nonpublic educator on the high school level who has shown outstanding support of the arts in the teaching of reading and writing and has demonstrated commitment to high-quality arts education through utilization of arts resources that extend into the community and state levels.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Teachers who are nominated must demonstrate the following: 1) a significant contribution to one or more of the art forms in the teaching of reading and writing; 2) use of community and cultural resources in the development of arts-based teaching in their classrooms that includes visits to cultural activities or visits from visiting artists in their respective schools; 3) advocacy for the arts at the local and state levels; and 4) membership in the New Jersey Reading Association or the Alliance for Arts Education/NJ.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

- A. A teacher must be nominated by his/her peers, supervisor, principal or superintendent. The nomination package must include the following:
- 1) a statement from the nominator describing the teacher's literacy in the arts program as evidence of outstanding achievement in arts education;
 - 2) a letter of support from two or more arts teachers in the school or art organizations;
 - 3) a letter of support from two or more teachers in the school or leaders in two professional organizations;
 - 4) letters of support from two local citizens, one of whom must be a public official;
 - 5) a black and white photograph; and
 - 6) a mini-portfolio that includes examples of projects, actual portfolio projects or newspaper articles.
- B. A committee composed of members of the New Jersey Reading Association will review all applications for the following:
- 1) evidence of outstanding achievement in using one or more of the art forms to teach reading and writing;
 - 2) submission of appropriate letters of support as requested;
 - 3) adequate descriptions of literacy in the arts activities that reveal evidence of outstanding achievement in the arts to foster literacy;
 - 4) evidence of use of community resources in the development of arts-based teaching; and
 - 5) evidence of advocacy for the arts at the local and state levels.

DEADLINE: February 1, annually

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER(S):

New Jersey Reading Association

CONTACT:

Janice Lake Betts, Chair
Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts
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AWARD(S):**1. Distinguished Leadership in Music Education Award**

The Distinguished Leadership in Music Education Award is given to a teacher nominated by the New Jersey Music Educators Board of Directors for service given to the music educators in the state through leadership activities.

2. Master Music Teacher Award

The Master Music Teacher Awards are presented to a maximum of three teachers annually.

AWARD SPONSOR: New Jersey Music Educators Association (NJMEA)

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

- A. Nominations for the Master Music Teacher Award may be made by any interested person and will be accepted until March 15, 2005.
- B. Nomination information is printed in the October edition of *Tempo*, the state music educators' magazine, or is available from the contact listed below.
- C. The nominees are considered and a committee composed of retired New Jersey music educators conducts classroom visitations.

DEADLINE: March 15, 2005.

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER(S):
New Jersey Music Educators Association

CONTACT:
Winston Hughes
Master Music Teacher Committee
39 Kory Drive
Kendall Park, NJ 08824

AWARD(S): Outstanding Teacher of the Speech Arts

AWARD SPONSOR: New Jersey Forensic League (NJFL)

The purpose of this award is to provide recognition to an individual who has contributed significantly in the promotion of speech and forensic arts.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

The applicant must have done the following:

- A. Taught and/or coached the speech arts successfully for ten years;
- B. Developed curriculum for the speech and forensic arts in his/her school;
- C. Attended at least five individual speech tournaments and the state festival with the school's speech team;
- D. Coached one state champion;
- E. Coached one district champion;
- F. Worked effectively in their own school to promote the speech and forensic arts; and
- G. Added two references that will be able to support the nomination for Outstanding Teacher of the Speech Arts.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

- A. Applications are available from either the contact person listed or any member of the NJFL.
- B. Two letters of reference should be addressed to the nominating committee in care of Mrs. Mary Gormley at the address listed below.
- C. A committee of parents and teachers who are not on the executive board of the NJFL chooses the winner from the applications received.

DEADLINE: January, annually.

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER(S):

New Jersey Forensic League (NJFL)

CONTACT:

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Montville, NJ 07045
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Mr. Vincent Borelli, Secretary
NJ Forensic League
Long Branch High School
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Long Branch, NJ 07040
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AWARD SPONSOR: Speech and Theatre Association of New Jersey, (STANJ)

AWARD(S):

1. Distinguished Service Theatre Award

The Distinguished Service Theatre Award is given to an administrator who has demonstrated exceptional service to the arts in education. The individual must have been actively involved in endeavors that promote speech and theatre in education on a major scale. Those eligible include administrators of nonprofit agencies, arts-in-education programs, schools or colleges, and corporate/private institutions.

2. The Outstanding New Jersey Teachers of Speech and Theatre Awards

This award is presented to one teacher annually, who is a current member of the Speech and Theatre Association of New Jersey and exemplifies outstanding work and support of education and theatre to a non-partisan committee.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

- A. Nominations may be made by STANJ members and will be accepted through January 30, annually.
- B. The nominating letter should delineate the candidate's contributions and qualifications for the award.
- C. Accompanying the letter should be a portfolio or binder of past accomplishments, programs, letters, etc. which will give a more complete picture of the candidate.
- D. Nomination information is printed in the STANJ newsletter or is available from any executive committee member.
- E. The nominees are selected through a careful screening process done by the committee.

DEADLINE: January 30, annually.

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER(S):

Speech and Theatre Association of New Jersey
(STANJ)

CONTACT:

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908-272-5481

AWARD(S):**1. Art Educators of New Jersey (AENJ) Distinguished Achievement Award****ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

- A. Must be a current member of the National Art Education Association with five or more consecutive years of membership.
- B. Must have 10 or more years of outstanding service and leadership to AENJ.
- C. Must be or have been a teacher, supervisor, coordinator, or administrator of the visual arts.

2. Anthony Guadiello Service Award**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

- A. Must be a current member of AENJ with at least five consecutive years of membership.
- B. Must be or have been a teacher, coordinator, supervisor, or administrator of the visual arts.
- C. Must have demonstrated active AENJ committee service and leadership during a minimum period of at least two years.

3. John Pappas Recognition Award**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

- A. Must demonstrate strong support of visual arts education at the local and/or state levels.
- B. Recipient must be a non-art educator.

4. Master Teacher Award

- A. Must be a member of AENJ for at least three consecutive years.
- B. Must be recommended by a panel of three evaluators following observations during several regular teaching days (maximum of 3) at a scheduled prearranged time. Evaluators are qualified retired AENJ members.
- C. Must be certified to teach the visual arts by the New Jersey Department of Education.
- D. Must have completed a minimum of five years of visual arts teaching in a New Jersey school.

- E. Must have a letter of recommendation from a school administrator and/or supervisor when the nominee is actively employed in a school district.

- F. Evaluators must consider the following in making their recommendations:
 - 1. Candidate must demonstrate advocacy for visual arts education;
 - 2. Candidate must perform professional activities at local, state and/or national levels;
 - 3. Candidate must demonstrate an awareness of the literature, research and current issues in the field;
 - 4. Candidate must demonstrate personal effort and time beyond the normal teaching duties;
 - 5. Candidate must demonstrate involvement in developing innovative curriculum;
 - 6. Candidate must demonstrate an ability to implement the national and state core curriculum content standards;
 - 7. Candidate must meet the needs and interests of students in a creative manner, bringing about learning, growth and development as set forth in the national and state core course proficiency standards;
 - 8. Candidate must demonstrate an awareness and be cognizant of the literature, research and current issues in the field of visual arts education;
 - 9. Candidate must demonstrate personal effort and time beyond the normal teaching duties;
 - 10. Candidate must be involved in developing innovative curriculum and methodology.

AWARD SPONSOR: Art Educators of New Jersey (AENJ)

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

- A. Those wishing to make a nomination should send a resume and supporting letters along with the AENJ application form.
- B. The Awards Committee will make final decision in the selection of the award recipients with the approval of the Executive Board of the AENJ.

DEADLINE: March 1, annually.

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER(S):
Art Educators of New Jersey (AENJ)

CONTACT:
Debbie Greh
516 Farley Avenue
Scotch Plains, NJ 07076
908-322-2651

AWARD: Lifetime Achievement Award

AWARD SPONSOR: Art Educators of New Jersey (AENJ)

This Lifetime Achievement Award is designed to honor members of Art Educators of New Jersey who have exemplified a professional lifetime of achievement in leadership, scholarship, and service to Art Educators of New Jersey and visual arts education. This recognition is based on the National Art Educators Association Fellows Recognition Program.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

To be eligible for this award, the following criteria must be met:

- A. The candidate must have demonstrated a minimum of 15 years of exemplary and ongoing involvement, leadership, scholarship and professional service to Art Educators of New Jersey.
- B. The candidate must have been a member of the National Art Educators Association for a minimum of fifteen years.
- C. The number of fellows (those who have already received this award) cannot exceed one percent of the total membership of Art Educators of New Jersey.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

- A. Nominations come from fellows and must be approved by the Executive Board of AENJ.
- B. The award winners are contacted by the president of the association and are announced at the Annual Fall Conference and in the AENJ Newsletter and posted on the Web site: www.aenj.org.

DEADLINE: Nominations must be received by March 1.

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AWARD(S): Youth Art Month Awards (YAM)

1. **Claire Flanagan Memorial Award**
2. **The Youth Art Month Award of Excellence**
3. **The Youth Art Month Award of Merit**
4. **Certificate of Commendation**

National awards are presented to the state YAM coordinators who have done the most outstanding jobs in celebrating and documenting their states' Youth Art Month programs.

AWARD SPONSOR(S): The Council for Art Education, Inc.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS:

- A. Reports are submitted by July 15 of each year and should follow guidelines prepared by the sponsoring organizations.
- B. Each report should be comprehensive and imaginative and will be reviewed and evaluated by the Committee to Promote Art Education.
- C. Criteria include: media coverage, high involvement of art educators, governmental awareness, and support for art education positions and programs.

DEADLINE: July 15, annually.

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER(S):
Art Educators of New Jersey (AENJ)

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National Youth Art Month
Coordinator
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AWARD(S):**1. National Art Educators Association (NAEA) Distinguished State Art Educator Award**

To honor one outstanding NAEA member in each state whose service and contribution to art education merit statewide recognition and acclaim. Each association picks its own art educator of the year.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- A. Must be a current member of the National Art Education Association with five or more consecutive years of membership.
- B. Must have 10 or more years of outstanding service and leadership to AENJ.
- C. Must be or have been a teacher, supervisor, coordinator, or administrator in visual arts.
- D. Nominees must hold membership in the state/province for which they are nominated.
- E. The national award is open, but not limited to, past recipients of state/province awards.

DEADLINE: October, annually.

2. National Art Educators Association (NAEA) Art Educator National Award

The award is given to recognize outstanding service and achievement of national significance by a NAEA member during the previous year to the field of art education.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- A. Active NAEA members.
- B. Nominees must hold membership in the state/province for which they are nominated.

C. The national award is open, but not limited to, past recipients of state/province awards.

DEADLINE: October, annually.

3. NAEA Distinguished Service Award

The Distinguished Service Award is given to recognize outstanding achievement, service and contributions by NAEA members to the field of art education and to the national and state/province association.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: NAEA membership

DEADLINE: October, annually.

4. The Marion Quin Dix Leadership Award

- A. In recognition of her pioneer work in the development of NAEA as the national professional organization, this award is presented in honor of NAEA's third president, Marion Quin Dix.
- B. The purpose of the award is to recognize outstanding service and contributions to the profession by a state/province association officer in the performance and/or development of specific programs, goals, or activities at the state association level.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: NAEA state/province association officer.

DEADLINE: October, annually.

5. NAEA Elementary, Middle School, Secondary, and Supervision and Administration Division Awards - Regional/National

- A. Each year these three divisions of NAEA recognize outstanding art educators who have made significant contributions to art education.
- B. The achievements of the proposed nominees could be, but are not limited to, the development of a program, project, theory, text, workshop, conference, handbook, or event that could promote or add significantly to elementary/secondary students, and/or supervision and administration.
- C. There are five categories: The National Award, the Eastern Regional Award, the Southeastern Regional Award, the Western Regional Award, and the Pacific Regional Award.
- D. The National Award recipient is chosen from past regional awardees.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Nominees must spend at least 51 percent of their working day in the job division for which they are nominated and must be members of NAEA. For the National Division Award, nominees are generally, but not exclusively, taken from the present and previous year's regional division award recipients. Division members at large may also be nominated.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Eastern Regional and National awardees only are eligible for the Governor's Awards in Arts Education.

DEADLINE: October, annually.

6. Lowenfeld Award

Publicized in the NAEA Newsletter, this annual award, which was established as a tribute to Victor Lowenfeld and first given in 1960, honors an individual who has made significant contributions to art education over the years. The recipient usually gives the "Lowenfeld Lecture" at the National Conference.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: NAEA member or distinguished contributor to the art education profession.

DEADLINE: October, annually.

7. National Art Honor Society Sponsor Award

- A. This award, first given in 1985, is presented in an effort to recognize merit and achievement for those art educators who have provided leadership and service in making art education a significant and worthwhile contribution to the education of the nation's youth.
- B. Publicized in the NAEA Newsletter, this award is presented to an NAEA member who sponsors NAHS in his or her school and who has an outstanding chapter.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Any sponsor of an active National Art Honor Society Chapter.

DEADLINE: October, annually.

AWARD SPONSOR: National Art Education Association Awards

PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBER(S):

Art Educators of New Jersey (AENJ)

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Awards and Election Coordinator

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