



Mississippi Alliance for Arts Education

❧ 2009 Arts Education Awards ❧

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Mississippi Alliance for Arts Education (MAAE) is seeking nominees for the 2009 Arts Education Awards. Awards will be presented at a special Awards Luncheon during The Arts Front and Center Forum, Thursday, April 2, 2009, at the MSU Riley Center for the Performing Arts in Meridian. Awards recipients will also be recognized in their home communities.

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 **Friday, February 13, 2009**.

PLEASE NOTE: Award recipients or a representative must be present at the April 2, 2009, Arts Education Awards Session during the Arts Front and Center Forum in Meridian 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 March 2, 2009. All other nominees will receive written notification once the awards have been publicly announced. **ONLY COMPLETE APPLICATIONS** 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:

AWARDS CATEGORIES AND CRITERIA

☞ Schools 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 and teachers 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 dance, music, theatre, visual art and arts integration providing that a sufficient pool of nominees is available in each discipline.

☞ Outstanding Administrator Award ☞

To honor a superintendent, principal, curriculum coordinator, or project director for:

- 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.

☞ 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 Alliance Awards Committee 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 form may be completed online
or printed from the MAAE web site: <http://www.msartsalliance.com>*

Go to the section marked "Events."

Nomination Form and Supporting Materials

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

Required for nomination packet (Items 1-5):

*Items 2-4 may be submitted as attachments via e-mail (lola.norris@usm.edu)
or mailed to the address below.*

- 1) **A nomination form** (*may be completed online or sent to address below*)
- 2) **A cover letter stating the qualifications of the nominee.**
- 3) **A narrative document** that describes how the nominee fulfills the stated criteria. (*Please respond to the narrative questions.*)
- 4) **A current vita** (for individual award nominees only).
- 5) **Two 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.

Supporting documents (suggested, not required):

These materials should be mailed to the address below.

- 1) **Enclose one copy each of:**
 - brochures, programs or articles related to or about teaching or programs; and/or
 - a maximum of 6 photographs and/or slides highlighting student accomplishments or work;
 - five minutes of edited video or audiotape of your students' or your own work.
- 2) **Enclose additional letters of support from colleagues, parents, current or former students and/or community representatives.**

Send nomination materials to:

Lola Norris, MAAE Executive Director

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(601) 268-6996 . Fax (601) 296-9929 . **E-mail:** Lola.Norris@usm.edu

Nomination deadline: Friday, February 13, 2009

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

Please check only ONE award category per nomination:

- Schools of Excellence/School District Outstanding Administrator of the Year
- Thad Cochran Distinguished Arts Educator Exemplary Arts Service Award
(check one) Dance Arts Integration
- Theatre Visual Arts Music Excellence in Higher Education Award
- Distinguished Community Arts Agency or Cultural Institution Program Award Lifetime Achievement Award
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Nominee: _____ Phone (day) _____

Address: _____ Phone (evening) _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____ Current MAAE member? Yes No

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? _____

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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