



MARYLAND ART EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

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2. To focus professional attention on quality art education and exemplary art educators;
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5. To provide tangible recognition of achievement, earn respect of colleagues, and enhance professional opportunities for MAEA members.

New Award Opportunities

In an effort to increase educator recognition within the awards program, MAEA has aligned more awards with the NAEA award booklet as well as created awards in areas that will allow for more opportunities of inclusion.

Agent of Change-The purpose of the award is to honor an individual who exemplifies, demonstrates, and/or leads social impact or social justice efforts in the work they do within visual arts, design, and media arts education. We acknowledge that addressing systemic transformation requires agents of change, allies, and accomplices. The award intends to honor and amplify voices that have and continue to be marginalized and the added intellectual and emotional burden that such art educators face in the work they do in contributing to the advancement of equity, diversity, and/or accessibility in art education.

Outstanding NAHS Sponsor- This award recognizes the dedication of an art educator who sponsors an outstanding NAHS Chapter.

Outstanding NJAHS Sponsor- This award recognizes the dedication of an art educator who sponsors an outstanding NJAHS Chapter.

Outstanding Art Club Sponsor- This award recognizes the dedication of an elementary art educator who sponsors an outstanding after school art club.

Educator as Practicing Artist Award- This award recognizes an art educator who demonstrates exemplary professional art practice outside of the classroom in addition to their teaching duties.

Advocate for Inclusivity Through Art- This award recognizes an art educator who does outstanding work connecting students with varying abilities or language backgrounds and special populations through the arts.



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District Awards

Each Maryland District may recognize a total of 16 honorees. District art supervisors and/or administrators may submit names to MAEA for recognition at the annual MAEA award ceremony; however districts/independent schools are responsible for selecting, notifying and awarding the honoree. The categories are as follows:

New Award Categories

- Agent of Change
- Outstanding NAHS Sponsor
- Outstanding NJAHS Sponsor
- Outstanding Art Club Sponsor
- Educator as Practicing Artist Award
- Advocate for Inclusivity Through Art

Novice Art Educator – less than 5 years of teaching experience

- Elementary
- Middle Level
- Secondary

Career Art Educator – 5 or more years of teaching experience

- Elementary
- Middle Level
- Secondary

Emeritus Art Educator – retired

- Elementary
- Middle Level
- Secondary

Administrator Recognition- To recognize a school or district administrator who values and supports visual arts education.

Please complete the google form to share with MAEA the art educators you selected. You can find [the form here](#). Please recognize as many educators in as many categories as you are able by completing a form for each honoree.

We will recognize your selected honorees at our annual award ceremony! Please reach out to your honorees and their administrators to share the good news!



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State Awards

Awards Eligibility: Art Educators must be an active member of the Maryland Art Education Associate (MAEA) to be eligible for consideration.

Qualifications: To be considered for each award, a letter of nomination, a letter of support, and a photograph must be uploaded and attached to this electronic VITA form. Incomplete nominations will not be considered. Immediate family members (spouses, children, parents, siblings) may not nominate other family members for awards.

Selection: The MAEA Awards Chair verifies that all nominees are eligible and that nomination information is complete. Nominations are then sorted and forwarded to the selection committee for each award. Rubrics have been created for judging the submissions for each award.

Please Note: If no nominees meet the criteria for a specific award, a recipient will not be selected.

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Elementary Art Educator - *To recognize an exemplary elementary art educator for outstanding service and achievement*

Middle Level Art Educator- *To recognize an exemplary middle school art educator for outstanding service and achievement*

Secondary Art Educator - *To recognize an exemplary high school art educator for outstanding service and achievement*

Higher Education Art Educator - *To recognize an exemplary college or university art educator for outstanding service and achievement*

Museum Art Educator- *To recognize an exemplary museum art educator for outstanding service and achievement*

PreService Art Educator- *To recognize excellence in student achievement in art education at the College/University level*

Emeritus Art Educator - *To recognize continuous outstanding service to art education by an individual before and after retirement*

Linda Popp Leadership Award - *To recognize outstanding contributions and professional service to art education*

Please send [this google form](#) and your typed nomination letter for the person you are nominating so they can complete the required Standardized Vita.



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State Awards' Program Scoring Rubric

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Nominee's Name _____

Award _____

CRITERIA	3: Exceptional	2: Sufficient	1: Minimal	0: No Evidence
Education, certification, and coursework				
National level activity and accomplishments				
Eastern Region activity and accomplishments				
Maryland state level activity and accomplishments				
District/local school activity and accomplishments				
Leadership, activity, and accomplishments in other professional organizations				
Related experience with program development, publications, artistic production, and/or exhibitions				
Other teaching or related experiences				
Nomination Letter				
Letter of Support				
Supporting Documents required for some award categories				