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Criteria for CSMTA Teacher of the Year Award

Local Associations may nominate one candidate each year. The CSMTA Teacher of the Year will be the state's nominee for MTNA Teacher of the Year.

The following criteria will be rated in order of priority, with the items with 3 (***) stars receiving the most weight. These guidelines follow the MTNA materials with some items added for CSMTA.

- ***1. Certification
- ***2. Accomplishments/contributions to CSMTA
- ***3. Participation in local, state and national programs
- ***4. Nominating letter from the Local Association, which shall include #1, #2, #3, above.
- ** 5. Evidence of teaching excellence (i.e. students' activities/successes).
This may be reflected in a record of the teacher's involvement with student activities and the result of these activities.
- ** 6. Former student(s) or parent(s) letter of support
- ** 7. Professional colleague(s) letter(s) of support
- * 8. Community involvement (might involve promotion of the music profession in the outside community, or partnership with school music programs)
- * 9. Teaching/professional achievement
 - a) Number of years experience (may be added to the nomination letter)
 - b) Include some sort of history for the candidate, perhaps including college
 - c) Might involve personal pursuits, such as concerts given, books written, articles published, etc.

The above documents/information shall be sent to the CSMTA President-Elect by March 20th. This information shall then be given to the CSMTA Teacher of the Year Committee. This committee will consist of at least three former CSMTA Teachers of the Year and they shall be as objective as possible.