

## Criteria for CSMTA Teacher of the Year (TOTY) Award

Each Local Association may nominate one candidate per year. The CSMTA Teacher of the Year will be recognized at the CSTMA conference banquet and 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 4 points receiving the most weight. Candidate's nomination letter from the Local Association shall include the following:

- 4 Points 1. Service to CSMTA, may include student participation in CSMTA student activities, attending CSMTA Conferences.
- 4 Points 2. Service to Local Association, may include student participation in LA activities, programs presented.
- 3 Points 3. Service to MTNA, may include assisting with Colorado Competition for the MTNA Competition, student participation in MTNA competitions, attending MTNA conferences.
- 3 Points 4. National Certification in one or more fields. This is preferred, but not required.
- 2 Points 5. Teaching and Professional Achievement of the candidate: may include years of teaching experience; education and background; other personal musical pursuits: concerts, books authored, articles published, workshops/seminars/presentations.
- 2 Points 6. Up to three letters of recommendation from students, parents of students, and/or colleagues.

Please read submission guidelines carefully:

- The properly completed application shall be emailed to the CSMTA President-Elect: Ben Raznick at [benraznickmusic@gmail.com](mailto:benraznickmusic@gmail.com) by **May 12 at 11:59pm MT**.
- Email will have attached **one PDF** containing all information/documents titled: TOTY [Year] [Teacher Name] [Local Association Name]  
Example: TOTY 2024 Patricia Kershaw SSMTA.pdf
- Email **subject line** "CSMTA TOTY 2025" in the subject line.

Submissions that meet criteria will be sent a receipt of confirmation and officially reviewed by the CSMTA Teacher of the Year Committee.