

MUSIC EDUCATOR AWARD™

The Award

- The Music Educator Award™ was created five years ago to recognize and celebrate the affirming role that music teachers play in the lives of their students.
- The award honors current, full-time music educators (kindergarten-college, public and private schools) who have made a significant and lasting contribution to the field of music education and who demonstrate a commitment to the broader cause of maintaining music education in schools.
- Winners receive a \$10,000 honorarium, a matching grant for their school, and a trip to the GRAMMY Awards Telecast.
- Nine finalists each receive a \$1,000 honorarium and a matching grant for their school. 15 semifinalists received a \$500 honorarium with a matching grant for their school.

The Process

- Anyone can nominate a teacher for the award.
- Nominated teachers will be sent a link to the application. Teachers do NOT need to be nominated in order to apply for the award.
- The application is a series of multiple choice questions which are auto-scored and ranked.
- The top 200+ applicants are named quarterfinalists and invited to submit supplemental materials, consisting of essays and videos.
- A panel of 30 education professionals participate in a 2-step screening the quarterfinalists to select 25 semifinalists.
- The Blue Ribbon Committee – which consists of GRAMMY Museum board members, Recording Academy trustees, and select members of the screening committee – then selects the winner and 9 finalists.

The Timeline

- Nominations close on March 15th for the following year.
- Applications close on March 31st for the following year.
- The quarterfinalists are announced in May.
- The semifinalists are announced in October.
- The finalists are announced in December.
- The winner is announced during GRAMMY Week.