

The Nebraska Music Educators Association Collegiate Chapter of Distinction Award

In an effort to recognize the hard work and service the state Collegiate chapters provide, the Nebraska Music Educators Association would like to recognize those chapters who exceed expectations and stand out as promoting the future of music education in this state. This award is given to at least two chapters that best represent three major areas: Chapter Operations, Service, and Professional Development.

In order for the award to be given to the most distinguished chapters each year, as well as making sure our Collegiate chapters in the state are functioning in a positive order, all state chapters must provide a brief report of their chapter's endeavors during the previous school year to the **Chair of Collegiate Members by May 1st**. The collegiate chair will then pass along copies of the reports to the selection committee and they will be in charge of selecting the chapters of distinction. The collegiate chair will also make copies of the reports and file them away for points of reference. The selection committee will be looking at the presentation of the report and chapter's are allowed and encouraged to send other materials such as brochures, fliers, meeting minutes, pictures, etc. along with their reports.

The reports should be 2-4 pages long and should be brief yet contain thorough explanations in the three major areas. For a more detailed description of the three areas, please refer to the description page. The recipients of the award will be recognized at the end of the collegiate recital on collegiate day at NMEA convention and at the convention banquet.

Distinguished Chapter Award Description Professional Development

This can include any activity or event that gives chapter members some hands on experience in the field of music education. Such events can include: guest speakers/forums, professional workshops, national/state/regional conferences, chapter projects providing field experience, etc. Chapters should include materials from such events and any other resources that might have been provided at the event.

Chapter Operations/Meetings

The chapter should have regular meetings to discuss chapter business, other professional opportunities and plan events. Meetings should have a well-organized structure, which includes a scheduled meeting time and copy of minutes. Executive board members should also have occasional meetings and make sure their chapter is moving in an appropriate manner. Executive members should look for ways to recruit new members and should lay out plans of recruitment in the report.

Service Projects

Collegiate chapters should be advocates to music education and leaders in their music communities. Chapters should plan activities that promote music education and music in the community. Such activities could include: Music in Our Schools Month project, Instrument demonstration, community concert, music tutoring project, etc. Pictures, resources, and plans should be included in the report.