

Nomination Criteria for CAEA Professional Educator Awards

Participation in this important recognition process will help to showcase, on the state level, art educators who are doing outstanding work every day in the art education profession. Active membership in CAEA is required to nominate a candidate.

The awards criteria listed below are applicable to all outstanding art educators, and will be considered in varying degrees in the selection of awardees.

California's Outstanding Visual Art Educator of the Year

Nominees must be a current member in CAEA in good standing.

Criteria:

- Demonstrated outstanding leadership within the field of teaching.
- Demonstrated leadership within CAEA.
- Contributed to the body of knowledge in the field of art education at the local, state or national level through research, publication, or exhibition.
- Actively contributed to curriculum design at the local or state, or national level.
- Advanced the cause of art education through strong advocacy and leadership.
- Developed an outstanding art education program at the local, state level, or national level.
- Motivated and inspired others including students, colleagues, community members or members of the teaching profession.

The Outstanding Visual Art Educator of the Year Award for the State of California is also honored each year at the National Art Education Association national convention.

Outstanding Performance Awards:

Elementary, Middle/Junior High, Secondary, Higher Education, Art Administrator/Supervisor, and Museum Art Educators

Nominees, except Rookie of the Year (see below) must be a current member in CAEA in good standing.

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- Demonstrated outstanding leadership within the field of teaching.
- Demonstrated leadership within CAEA
- Contributed to the body of knowledge in the field of art education at the local, state or national level through research, publication, or exhibition.
- Advanced the cause of art education through strong advocacy and leadership.
- Actively contributed to curriculum design at the local or state level
- Motivated and inspired others including students, colleagues, community members or members of the teaching profession.

Active Emeritus Visual Art Educator

Nominees must be a current member of CAEA.

Criteria:

- Demonstrated outstanding leadership in CAEA.
- Motivated and inspired others including students, colleagues, community members or members of the teaching profession.
- Demonstrated personal commitment and evidence in one or more of the following areas:
 1. Contributed to the body of knowledge in the field of art education at the local, state or national level through research publication, or exhibition.
 2. Advanced the cause of art education through strong advocacy and leadership.
 3. Actively contributed to curriculum design at the local or state level

Special Needs Visual Art Educator

Meets two or more of the following criteria:

- Demonstrated advocacy for special needs in the arts outside the arts classroom
- Developed inclusive visual arts curriculum to meet the challenges of special needs students
- Promoted students' visual arts accomplishments beyond the school community
- Submitted an article reflecting on the challenges and rewards of teaching special needs students in the arts classroom (locally or nationally)

Rookie of the Year

Nominees must be a current member of CAEA

Criteria:

- Taught for three years or less
- Participated in Youth Art Month.
- Attended a state conference at least once (attendance as a pre-service teacher is valid).
- Strengthened the art curriculum in his/her school.
- Impact on students: Positively influenced students through activities such as projects, programs and activities.
- Promoted CAEA goals
- Active in area CAEA (NORTH, CENTRAL, SOUTH) functions, such as SmART Days, area meetings, area conferences, etc.

Area Service Awards

Award of Merit

Nominees must be current member.

Criteria:

- Demonstrated outstanding leadership within the field of teaching.
- Demonstrated outstanding leadership within CAEA
- Contributed to the body of knowledge in the field of art education at the local or state level through research, publication, or exhibition.
- Advanced the cause of art education through strong advocacy and leadership.
- Motivated and inspired others including students, colleagues, community members or members of the teaching profession.

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Nominees must be current member of CAEA.

Criteria:

- Demonstrated outstanding leadership within the field of teaching.
- Demonstrated leadership within CAEA
- Advanced the cause of art education through strong advocacy and leadership.
- Contributed to local or state conferences in designing workshops, panel presentations, or media events.

The Ruth Jansen Distinguished Art Educator Award:

Nominees must have demonstrated achievement and excellence in art education and a current member in good standing.

Criteria

- Impact on students: Positively influenced students through projects, programs and/or activities.
- Professional Growth: Contributed to education through activities such as research, leadership in professional organizations (local and regional), and the impact on the community.
- Professional Activities: Influenced other educators through activities such as workshops, conferences, parent and/or community.

Certificates of Appreciation: These awards are presented to outstanding individuals and organizations, who work to support the goals of the field of art education and the profession. Membership is not required. Consider principals, superintendents, boards of education, local and regional politicians, and supportive business people for these awards.