

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) How many years of 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 properly completed documents/information shall be emailed to the CSMTA President-elect: **Dr. Andrew Cooperstock** at cooperstock@colorado.edu by **March 18 at 11:59pm**. Submission will include one Word or PDF file with "CSMTA Teacher of the Year for <insert current year> " in the subject line. The information will 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.