**Criteria for CSMTA Teacher of the Year Award**

Each Local Association may nominate one candidate per year. All Local Association Nominees will be recognized at the CSTMA conference banquet. 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 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, book authored, articles published, workshops/seminars/ presentations.

2 Points 6. Up to three letters of recommendation from students, parents of students, and/or colleagues.

The properly completed documents/information shall be emailed to the CSMTA President-elect: Dr. Emily Book McGree at emily.mcgree@du.edu by March 18 at 11:59pm. Submission will include one Word or PDF file with "CSMTA Teacher of the Year for 2024" in the subject line.

The information will then be given to the CSMTA Teacher of the Year Committee.