



May 5, 2021

Dear Music Teacher:

As the Executive Secretary to the New Hampshire Band Directors Association (NHBDA), I am inviting you to submit nominations for two awards that will be presented at a future New England Band Directors Institute at Plymouth State University.

If you feel the band director at your school qualifies for either award (see enclosed criteria), please write a letter of recommendation describing the person's accomplishments and forward your letter to:

Bunny Saranita, President, NHBDA
bunny.saranita@sau26.org

Please do not pass up this opportunity to honor one of your teachers if he/she has accomplished a great deal in the field of instrumental music education. Please have any nominations submitted no later than **July 1, 2021**. On behalf of NHBDA, thank you in advance for taking part in this nomination process. If you have any questions or comments, or if I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at the email address below.

Sincerely,

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NEW HAMPSHIRE BAND DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL AWARDS

NHBDA OUTSTANDING BAND DIRECTOR

NHBDA OUTSTANDING YOUNG BAND DIRECTOR

Eligibility:

To be eligible to receive the awards, the band director must meet the following criteria:

1. Must be currently teaching band at the elementary, junior high, middle school, high school, or college levels in a public, private, or parochial setting in New Hampshire.
2. Must have taught fewer than ten (10) years to qualify for the Outstanding Young Band Director's Award.
3. Must have taught ten (10) or more years to qualify for the Outstanding Band Director's Award.
4. Must have demonstrated an exceptionally high level of competence as a band director during his/her career.
5. Must have developed a comprehensive band program which has contributed to the educational quality of the school.
6. Must have contributed professionally to his or her local and/or state band organization.

Award Description:

The award shall consist of:

1. For the Outstanding Young Band Director, a \$850 voucher for attendance at the annual National Band Association Midwest Clinic in Chicago.
2. A certificate and a plaque.
3. Presentation of the awards shall occur at the annual NEBDI (New England Band Directors Institute) awards banquet held during the summer NEBDI.

Nominations:

1. Nomination letters are to be sent to the current president of NHBDA by July 1st.
2. Selection of the recipients of these awards shall be at the May meeting of the NHBDA board.

Notification:

1. Notification of the award shall be made in a timely fashion to the recipient, his or her school administration, and the local newspapers.
2. An article with photographs shall be sent to local newspapers and NHMEA Quarter Notes to be printed in the September issue.