



NEBRASKA ART TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

## Nebraska Art Teachers Association Awards Program Categories and Qualifications

### EDUCATION DIVISION AWARDS

This award is given to a member of NATA/NAEA who spends at least .51 FTE teaching art to students at the respective level of education. The recipient has made additional noteworthy contributions in art education beyond the classroom, including school, district, community, state and/or national levels.

**The Divisions are...**

#### **Elementary Art Educator of the Year**

#### **Middle/Junior High Art Educator of the Year**

#### **Secondary Art Educator of the Year**

#### **K-12 Art Educator of the Year**

Includes a combination of two or more elementary, middle school, and secondary art levels.

#### **Higher Education Art Educator of the Year**

Given to a member of NATA/NAEA who spends at least .51 FTE teaching art on the post-secondary level and has made noteworthy contributions in teacher education, in-service and program development in the classroom and beyond, including community, state and/or national levels.

#### **Art Administrator/Supervisor of the Year**

Given to a member of NATA/NAEA who spends at least .51 FTE administering art programs on a district or state level and has made outstanding contributions in program development, staff professional growth, and art advocacy.

#### **Museum Educator of the Year**

Given to a member of NATA/NAEA who spends at least .51 FTE teaching and developing art resources and programs in a museum setting and whose work reaches learners in school, community, and statewide programs.

### **SPECIAL AWARDS**

#### **Nebraska Outstanding Art Educator of the Year**

This award is given to an individual who meets exceptional standards of excellence and service in art education on local, state, and national levels. It is given to a member of NATA/NAEA who spends at least .51 FTE in art education. In addition to nominations specifically for this award, all Division nominees are added to the pool of candidates. NATA supports the participation of the recipient in the NAEA awards ceremony at the national conference honoring art Educators of the Year.

### **Marvin Spomer Novice Art Educator of the Year**

Given to a novice art educator within the first five years teaching art at least .51 FTE. The award is named in honor of Dr. Marvin Spomer whose service as Art Education Professor at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln, formed and inspired many art educators in Nebraska.

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## **SERVICE AWARDS**

### **Roscoe Shields Service Award**

This award is presented to an individual or organizational member of NATA/NAEA who has exhibited dedication and commitment to art education in Nebraska through sustained leadership and service. It is the highest award the Nebraska Art Teachers Association has to offer. The award is named in honor of Roscoe Shields, a founding member of NATA and recipient of the first service award in 1977. Nominations from NATA members are sent to the NATA President and reviewed by the board at the spring meeting. Additional nominations are made at that time, if necessary.

### **Prism Award**

The recipient of this award usually is not an art educator or member of NATA/NAEA. The Prism award honors a person or organization from outside the field of art education that has made significant contributions to the development/advancement of art education in Nebraska. This may be financial, educational, administrative, or advocacy in nature. Nominations from NATA members are sent to the NATA President and reviewed by the board at the spring meeting. Additional nominations are made at that time, if necessary.

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## NATA Awards Timeline

The following timeline has been established for the NATA Awards process.

Nominations open      Fall Conference

Nominations close      February 15<sup>th</sup>

Nominees notified      by March 1<sup>st</sup>

Additional nominations for Special Awards, if needed, at spring board meeting

Support Materials due      April 15<sup>th</sup>

Support Materials for Special Award nominations due by May 31

Materials to Awards Committee by June 15

Awards selection      July

Nominees notified      by August 15<sup>th</sup>

Awards given      Fall Conference

### Nomination Information

Nominations may be made:

in writing to      Jeff Stern  
                                 2803 Stagecoach Place  
                                 Grand Island, NE 68801

by e-mail to      [jstern@gips.org](mailto:jstern@gips.org)



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Please read the award criteria carefully to be certain you are nominating the individual for the correct award. Please note that all awards, except the Roscoe Shields Award and Prism Award, require current membership in NATA/NAEA. Every year, individuals are nominated for awards for which they are not eligible. Please do not put the nominee in the uncomfortable position of having to write and tell the Awards Committee they are not eligible.

# NATA Award Nomination Form

**1. Your nomination must include the following information:**

Nominee's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nominee's Street: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nominee's City: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nominee's Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nominee's Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nominee's e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. I am nominating this individual for the following NATA Division Award (check one)**

**NOTE: Nominee must be a current member of NAEA/NATA**

- Elementary Art Educator of the Year
- Middle School Art Educator of the Year
- Secondary Art Educator of the Year
- K-12 Art Educator of the Year
- Higher Education Award
- Supervision/Administration Award
- Museum Education Award



**3. I am nominating this individual for the following NATA Special Award: (check one)**

- Nebraska Outstanding Art Educator of the Year (must be a current member of NAEA/NATA)
- Marvin Spomer Novice Art Educator Award [Attach Letter of Support\*]
- Roscoe Shields Service Award [Attach Letter of Support\*]
- Prism Award [Attach Letter of Support\*]

\* Guidelines for letters of support are found in the Awards section of the NATA website:  
[http://www.nebraskaarteducators.org/awards\\_program.pdf](http://www.nebraskaarteducators.org/awards_program.pdf) pages 13, 15, and 16.

**4. Tell why you think this individual should be considered for an award**

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**5. Your contact information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**6. Be sure to submit your nomination no later than February 15 to:**

**Jeff Stern, 2803 Stagecoach Place, Grand Island, NE 68801 or email: [jstern@gips.org](mailto:jstern@gips.org)**

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