



Nebraska Art Teachers Association

Guidelines for Letter of Support

NATA Division Art Educators or Art Educator of the Year

Each year NATA recognizes outstanding contributions to student learning in Nebraska classrooms, along with leadership in curriculum development in local school districts and communities, as well as participation in professional endeavors on state and national levels.

You have been asked to write a letter of support for a nominee for one of the NATA awards. NATA recommends the following guidelines for your letter:

1. Write from your personal observations of the nominee's involvement and accomplishments in the school/community/organization you represent.
2. Give a clear, concise, and pertinent picture of the nominee's contributions as an educator, artist, and leader (generally 1 to 2 pages in length).
3. Describe the impact the nominee has made on students, parents, the school and/or local community and beyond through his/her leadership as an educator and artist.

Please send the Letter of Support to the NATA Awards Chair no later than April 15.
Thank you.



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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.

You have been asked to write a letter of support for a nominee for the NATA Roscoe Shields Service award. NATA recommends the following guidelines for your letter:

1. Describe the contributions of the person(s) or organization to the field of art education in Nebraska.
2. Describe the impact of the nominee's contributions on students, educators, the art education profession, and the advancement of art education in Nebraska.

Please send the Letter of Support (generally 1 to 2 pages in length) to the NATA Awards Chair no later than April 15. Refer to the NATA website for current contact information: www.nebraskaarteducators.org/officers.html

Thank you.



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Prism Service Award

The Prism award honors a person or organization from outside the field of art education that has made significant contributions to the development and advancement of art education in Nebraska. This may be financial, educational, administrative, or advocacy in nature. The recipient of this award usually is not an art educator or member of NATA/NAEA.

You have been asked to write a letter of support for a nominee for the NATA Prism Service award. NATA recommends the following guidelines for your letter:

1. Describe the kind of support the person(s) or organization has given to visual art education in Nebraska.
2. Describe the impact of the nominee's contributions on students, programs, policy, etc. to advance art education in Nebraska.

Please send the Letter of Support (generally 1 to 2 pages in length) to the NATA Awards Chair no later than April 15. Refer to the NATA website for current contact information: www.nebraskaarteducators.org/officers.html

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Marvin Spomer Award

The Spomer award is 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.

You have been asked to write a letter of support (generally 1 to 2 pages in length) for a nominee for this award. NATA recommends the following guidelines for your letter:

1. Write from your personal observations of the nominee's
 - Classroom practice
 - Emerging leadership qualities
 - Professional growth and involvement

2. Describe how the nominee reflects the qualities of
 - ❖ Aesthetic Sensitivity
 - ❖ Positive Humor
 - ❖ Courage
 - ❖ Calming Spirit

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