



# CONNECTICUT ART EDUCATION AWARDS

Sponsored by the Connecticut Art Education Association Inc.

*Each year, CAEA recognizes those who create a lasting impression on students through Visual Arts Education, recognizing exemplary Art Educators and Administrators throughout Connecticut.*

## Nomination Packet Information

### Objectives:

CAEA annually recognizes outstanding teaching and contributions to art education at all levels. Your participation in this important recognition process showcases Connecticut art educators and those contributing to art education in our state.

- To recognize and celebrate excellence in the state's art educators
- To increase statewide awareness of the importance of quality art education for all learners
- To promote standards for quality art education and their achievement
- To promote professional opportunities for CAEA/NAEA members

### General Information:

#### Who May Nominate?

Both CAEA/NAEA members and non-members (including teachers, administrators, board members, etc.)

#### Who may be nominated?

Nominees must have been CAEA/NAEA members for the past three consecutive years with the exception of the Distinguished Service to the Profession and the Scott Shuler Distinguished Art Advocate Awards.

#### Who should write nomination and support letters?

The nominator writes the letter of nomination. Letters of support are written by anyone else, including teachers, administrators, board members, students, etc.

#### What do I need to submit?

Completed nomination form, letter of nomination, two letters supporting nomination, and a photograph of the nominee. Check individual awards descriptions for additional submission materials.

Outstanding NAHS or NJAHS sponsor nominees must also submit a one page typed summary of NAHS or NJAHS activities.

#### How Do I find the Awards Criteria?

Go to <https://www.ctarteducation.net/educator-awards-forms.html> for more information and to read the rubric for each award category.

#### Award Selection

Nominations and supporting documentation are submitted to the CAEA Awards Coordinator.

#### Award Presentation

Awards are presented during an Annual Awards Dinner associated with the annual fall conference.

## TO NOMINATE AN OUTSTANDING ART EDUCATOR USE THE DIGITAL NOMINATION FORM

Or for award descriptions and rubrics.

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Remember to have the Nominee complete the Nominee Packet

## Membership Awards Descriptions:

### Outstanding Art Educator in a Division:

Elementary, Middle Level, Secondary, Supervision/Administration, Higher Education, Museum Division. *A member is eligible only for an award for their respective membership division. Must be an active member.*

### Outstanding State Art Educator:

Active CÆA/NAEA members who have made significant contributions to art education on the state level are eligible. Will be selected by the awards committee from the nominations submitted. **Must be an active member.**

### Distinguished Cooperating Teacher or Mentor:

Recognizes an active CÆA/NAEA member who has an exemplary record of working with preserve and/or new teachers as a cooperating teaching and/or mentor. **Must be an active member.**

### Outstanding Special Needs Art Educator Award:

Recognizes an active NAEA/CÆA member who has brought distinction to the profession of special-needs art education through an exceptional and continuous record of achievement that has had a significant impact on students with disabilities and special needs are eligible to receive the award. **Must be an active member.**

### Outstanding NAHS or NJAHS Sponsor:

Recognizes the dedication of an NAEA member who sponsors an outstanding NAHS or NJAHS Chapter. Nominee must sponsor an active National Art Honor Society or National Junior Art Honor Society Chapter. **Must also submit a one page typed summary of HAHS or NJAHS activities. Must be an active member.**

### John Nerreau, Outstanding Retired Art Educator:

Retired NAEA/CÆA members who have been retired at least 3 years and have brought distinction to the field of art education by exceptional and continuous records of achievement through teaching, professional leadership, and/or community service before and after retirement are eligible. Submit: Nomination form noting date of retirement, Standardized vita with all service and achievements occurring after retirement underlined, etc. **Must be a member.**

### Distinguished Service To the Profession:

Recognizes outstanding achievement and contributions in previous years by persons or organizations inside or outside the field of art education. Eligibility is open to any person or organization, which has demonstrated significant contribution to visual arts education. When nominating an organization, include the organization name in the "Name of Nominee" field, and include the name of a primary contact for the organization in the "Nominee Information" section. **Membership not required.**

### Scott Shuler Distinguished Art Advocate:

Recognizes outstanding achievement and contributions in art education advocacy by persons or organizations inside or outside the field of art education. Eligibility is open to any person or organization, which has demonstrated significant contribution to advancement of arts education. When nominating an organization, include the organization name in the "Name of Nominee" field, and include the name of a primary contact for the organization in the "Nominee Information" section. **Membership not required.**

### Outstanding Performance in Art Education

- Elementary Art Educator
- Middle Level Art Educator
- Secondary Art Educator
- Higher Education Art Educator
- John Nerreau, Retired Art Educator
- Art Supervisor and/or Administrator
- Museum Art Educator
- Distinguished Cooperating Teacher or Mentor
- Outstanding Art NAHA Sponsor or NAJHA Sponsor
- Special Needs Art Educator

These awards are reserved for candidates who are current CÆA members in good standing who have been members for 3 or more years.

### Service to The Profession and Advocate Awards

- Distinguished Service to the Profession
- Scott Shuler Distinguished Art Advocate

These awards are presented to outstanding individuals and organizations that work to support and improve art education. Membership is not required. Consider Principals, Superintendents, Boards of Education, local and regional politicians.

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