

# 48<sup>th</sup> Annual ASMTA *Teacher of the Year Award*

February 2026

Dear ASMTA Colleagues:

Here is a great opportunity to honor an ASMTA colleague whom you feel is deserving of special recognition. If you know a current ASMTA member who has made significant contributions to ASMTA and to the music teaching profession, I encourage you to nominate them for this year's *Teacher of the Year* award. ASMTA members who are either independent music teachers or college/university music faculty are eligible.

To nominate a colleague, please write a **letter of recommendation** and include **supporting materials** indicating why you believe the nominee is deserving of this honor. *The award will be presented Friday evening, June 5, at the 48<sup>th</sup> Annual ASMTA State Conference.* This year's conference will be Friday-Saturday, June 5-6, 2026, at *The University of Arkansas* in Fayetteville. **Deadline date for receipt of all materials is FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2026.** Please send materials via regular mail or email. (See below for my contact info).

A list of past recipients of the *Teacher of the Year* award may be found on the ASMTA website. For a complete listing of past recipients, click on BOTH of the following links: (1) <https://arkansasmta.org/asmta-fellows-teacher-of-the-year/#college>; and (2) <https://arkansasmta.org/asmta-fellows-teacher-of-the-year/#independent>. A complete list of all past recipients of the award may also be found in the 2025 *Program/ Directory*. Dr. Mary Chung, ASMTA President, was the 2025 recipient of last year's ASMTA *Teacher of the Year Award* at our annual conference held June 2025 at Arkansas Tech University.

If you have questions about the *Teacher of the Year* award, please contact me. I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you in June at the University of Arkansas!

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