



Illinois Art Education Association

Awards Program

The IAEA Awards Program is intended to recognize art educators who are committed and dedicated to their students and the art education profession. This program, which recognizes excellence in individuals and programs, helps provide for the development of quality art education throughout the state of Illinois.

- **To promote public awareness of the importance of quality art education.**
- **To promote support of and to focus professional attention on quality programs and excellent art educators.**
- **To recognize significant contributions to the profession and organization of IAEA.**

Awards Categories:

1. Illinois Art Educator of the Year (Chosen by award committee from nominations in categories below)
2. Illinois Elementary Art Educator of the Year
3. Illinois Middle School/Junior High Art Educator of the Year
4. Illinois Secondary Art Educator of the Year
5. Illinois Early Professional Award (3 - 10 years teaching)
6. Illinois Higher Education Art Educator of the Year
7. Illinois Art Administrator/Supervisor of the Year
8. Illinois Museum Art Educator of the Year
9. Best School Art Program in Illinois
10. Distinguished Service in IAEA
11. Distinguished Service in the Profession of Art Education
12. Distinguished Service to Art Education (outside the profession)
13. President's Special Award

Criteria: General

1. Significant contribution within an award category.
2. Outstanding record of general professional achievement.
3. Continuing record of contributions to art education in Illinois.
4. Current active membership in IAEA.
5. To be considered for a national award, NAEA membership is required. National nomination is optional.

Award Criteria: Specific

Award categories 1-7.

- Outstanding record of success as an art educator from colleagues, administrators, students, and community.
- Outstanding ongoing record of general professional achievement, continued education, studio accomplishments/exhibitions, publications, service to individual school program and school district, service to community, and service to IAEA.
- Recognized as a leader.

Illinois Museum Art Educator of the Year

- Outstanding record of successful collaborative efforts as a museum art educator from colleagues, administrators, teachers and students, and community.
- Outstanding record of general professional achievement, continued education, studio accomplishments, publications, service to individual school programs and school districts, service to community, and service to IAEA.

Best School Art Program in Illinois

- Evidence of an exemplary comprehensive art program from colleagues, administration, district, students, and community.
- Outstanding program components, curriculum design, course offerings, other school sponsored art activities (e.g., art club, National Art Honor Society), professional achievement of department members, inter/intra school exhibition, individual student or staff recognition/awards, involvement in total school program, service to community, and service in IAEA.
- Membership in IAEA by one or more art educators within the program.

Distinguished Service in IAEA

Exemplary contributions of time and effort to IAEA.

Distinguished Service to the Profession of Art Education

Outstanding contribution to the field of art education; record of service to school, district, and community, record of previous awards, honors, and record of publications.

Distinguished Service to Art Education (outside of the profession)

Exemplary support and advocacy for art education.

President's Special Award

Current president's discretion