

# NETWORK AWARDS PROGRAM

All NETWORK awards are presented at NETWORK Annual Conference Events. Recipients are featured in NETWORK's quarterly newsletter NETWORK NEWS and on WEB NEWS at [www.artsschoolsnetwork.org](http://www.artsschoolsnetwork.org).

## Exemplary School Award

This award is presented to a NETWORK school with an outstanding record of overall excellence in the categories of faculty and student achievement, community recognition and involvement, arts and academics integration, curriculum innovations, continuing growth and development, and state and national recognition.

- ◆ Complimentary Conference registration for the Principal and one teacher.

## New and Emerging School Award

This award is presented to a promising young NETWORK school in its first three years of development. Designed to recognize schools that exemplify solid planning and well defined goals, this award is given to a new school that demonstrates promise as an emerging school of excellence.

- ◆ Complimentary Conference registration for the Principal.

## Arts Innovation Award

Designed to recognize schools committed to taking innovative artistic risks, this award is presented to a school that has "broken the mold" in using the arts as a vehicle for teaching academics and/or making a positive difference in the lives of students and/or the community.

- ◆ Complimentary Conference registration.

## Teacher of the Year Award

Because the foundation of an excellent arts education lies in the talents and dedication of outstanding artist mentors and teachers, this annual award recognizes a NETWORK teacher whose dedication, talent, and achievement are exemplary. At least three sealed letters of recommendation must be submitted in support of the nominee.

- ◆ Complimentary Conference registration
- ◆ Scholarship to Idyllwild Summer Teachers Institute.
- ◆ All expense paid trip to NFAA "Arts Week" in Miami.

## The Jeffrey Lawrence Award

This award is granted to the head of a NETWORK school who exemplifies an uncompromising commitment to excellence in arts education and arts training. Named in honor of the long-time head of the Professional Children's School in New York, this is the most coveted award presented by the NETWORK to an arts administrator.

- ◆ Complimentary Conference registration.

## Community Partnership Award

Intended to recognize arts schools and/or businesses that implement unique artistic and/or educational partnerships, this award is presented to a school or business that embraces the community by utilizing the arts and education as a vehicle for fostering artistic and educational understanding and community enhancement.

- ◆ An invitation to present at a future NETWORK Conference.
- ◆ Complimentary Conference registration for the community partners participating in the conference presentation.

## Outstanding Student Achievement Award

This award is designed to honor an outstanding student enrolled in a NETWORK school. Created for the purpose of fostering artistic and academic achievement in talented young people, this honor is bestowed annually upon one student whose commitment to excellence is demonstrated through outstanding accomplishment in the areas of citizenship, arts, and academics.

- ◆ A scholarship to Idyllwild Summer Arts Program (incl. Room and board).
- ◆ Complimentary Conference registration for a representative from the student's school.

## Research Initiative: Individual Award

This award recognizes an individual who has completed research in arts education, either in a NETWORK school or about issues pertinent to NETWORK schools. An independent Research Subcommittee reviews the methodology, data collection, and findings. The research may be qualitative or quantitative. Supporting documents may include publications. Individual researchers may apply directly or be nominated by someone else. Research award applications are available by contacting the NETWORK office or [research@artsschoolsnetwork.org](mailto:research@artsschoolsnetwork.org).

- ◆ Up to \$1,000 cash award.
- ◆ Invitation to present at a future NETWORK conference.
- ◆ Complimentary conference registration fee.

## Research Initiative: School Award

This award recognizes a NETWORK School that has fostered research in arts education, either relevant general research or specific research in the NETWORK School. The award honors a school for its commitment to ongoing research and to dissemination of knowledge in research in arts education that foster the goals of the NETWORK and arts education. The research project, either completed or in-progress, could be a collaborative effort with a college, university, or other partner organization. Research award applications are available by contacting the NETWORK office or [research@artsschoolsnetwork.org](mailto:research@artsschoolsnetwork.org).

- ◆ Invitation to present at a future NETWORK conference.
- ◆ Complimentary conference registration fee.

# Applications must be postmarked by May 15, 2005

## Nomination/Application Form

You may submit one nomination for each of the nine categories listed below, but you must use a separate form for each nominee. Feel free to duplicate the form as needed. Please indicate (CIRCLE) award for which you are making a nomination/application:

Exemplary School Award  
New and Emerging School Award  
Teacher of the Year Award

The Jeffrey Lawrence Award  
Award for Arts Innovation  
Community Partnership Award

Outstanding Student Achievement  
Research Initiative—Individual Award\*  
Research Initiative—School Award\*

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

School (if Applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School District: \_\_\_\_\_

School District Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Superintendent: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of District BOE Chair: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Local/City Newspaper: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Local/City Newspaper: \_\_\_\_\_

### Statement of Nomination:

**Part I.** Provide a one page statement of the justification for your nomination/application. Please do not exceed one typewritten page.

**Part II.** Supporting documents may be attached, but they should clearly display the name of the nominee in a prominent location. Neither the nomination forms nor the supporting information will be returned.

Nominations will be accepted only from NETWORK members or member institutions in good standing. Members in good standing are those who have paid their dues for the current year.

*Complete the next section if the nomination is for one of the Research Awards:*

Name of Nominating School where research was conducted: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Research: \_\_\_\_\_

Issue(s) / Area(s) of Research: \_\_\_\_\_

### **\* Nominations for all Research Awards must also include the following:**

a one-page abstract describing the research project not to exceed one page; and  
a copy of the final research report (which may be in the form of a published research article or a completed thesis or dissertation).

### Individual Making the Nomination/Application

Name of Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

School (if Applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

This form may be duplicated as needed.

# Award Guidelines (please read carefully)

- 1 Anyone may submit nominations. Self-nominated applications are encouraged.
- 2 Nominees / applicants must be NETWORK members, affiliates/partners of NETWORK schools, or have been associated with a NETWORK school.
- 3 Individual schools may submit nominations / applications in each category (where appropriate), with a limit of one nomination per category.
- 4 Calls for nominations / applications are advertised in the NETWORK NEWS and on NETWORK's web site.  
All nominations / applications and supporting materials must be postmarked no later than **May 15 annually**. Forward all materials to:  

NETWORK  
173 Ridge View Drive  
Berkeley Springs, WV 25411  
USA
- 6 *All nomination / application packets must include six (6) copies of the application form and all supporting material.*
- 7 Nominations / applications will be judged by the Awards Committee. (This may include review by a subcommittee.) The committee will be chaired by the immediate past president and consist of past presidents.
- 8 Awards committee members whose schools have been nominated or applied for an award must recuse themselves from the selection process.
- 9 Winners will be recognized at the NETWORK annual conference.
- 10 Judges reserve the right not to select an award winner in every category every year.
- 11 Awardees will be profiled in NETWORK NEWS and the web site, and press releases will be disseminated from the NETWORK office to superintendents, boards of education, local news agencies, and the like.
- 12 Supporting documents will be a part of the official nomination/application and will not be returned.
- 13 All awardees receive an engraved plaque.

## RESEARCH AWARDS

These awards recognize individuals and schools who have completed research in arts education, involving either a NETWORK school or issues pertinent to NETWORK schools. An independent research subcommittee will review methodology, data collection and findings. The research may be qualitative or quantitative. Supporting documents may include publications.

The awards consist of a trophy and a certificate. The Individual Research Award winner will receive a cash prize of up to \$1,000. In addition, winners will be invited to present at a NETWORK Conference.

Individual researchers and schools may be nominated or apply directly, using the application form found opposite this page.

Research award questions should be directed to:

Dr. Sharon Davis Gratto, chair  
NETWORK Research Committee  
Department of Music  
Gettysburg College

***For more information please contact:***

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