



***Massachusetts Champions of Arts Education
2010 Advocacy Awards***

Call for Nominations

March 1, 2010 Postmark; or Delivered by March 4, 2010

Distinguished Arts Educator Advocate
Schools of Distinction in Arts Education
Excellence in School Administration Arts Advocate
Massachusetts School Committee Arts Advocate
Outstanding Parent Advocate
Outstanding Arts Collaborative
Corporate/Business Support of Arts Education
Outstanding Student Advocate

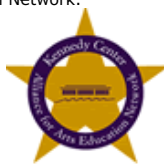
The Arts|Learning Champions of Arts Education Awards honor individuals and organizations that have made exceptional contributions to arts education advocacy and continue to make strides toward the goal of high quality arts education for every student in Massachusetts.

From 1984 through to the present, the *Champion of Arts Education Awards* have recognized over 175 teachers and arts advocates in our schools and communities for their accomplishments educating students and for supporting arts education. Arts|Learning continues this tradition of recognizing excellence in arts education programs and advocacy. Nominations may be submitted by any Massachusetts resident and current A|L members. Self-nominations are encouraged.

All Awards will be presented at the Massachusetts Statehouse, May, 2010.

Please share this information with Arts Teachers, Principals, School Committees, Arts Advocates, Local Cultural Institutions/Community Arts Programs and Parent/Teacher Organizations.

Supported by Arts|Learning, and the Kennedy Center Alliance for Arts Education Network.



Nomination information available online:
www.artslearning.org



Award Categories

**Nominations may be made by any individual.
Self-nominations encouraged.**

Distinguished Arts Educator Advocate

(One award may be made annually in each of the four disciplines: Dance, Music, Theater and Visual Arts.)

To honor arts educators for: (1) superior teaching in your discipline; (2) creation of model arts programs and partnerships; (3) demonstrated leadership in advocating for your discipline and arts education; (4) use of Massachusetts Arts Curriculum Framework and National Standards for Arts Education; (5) use of arts and cultural resources; and (6) support of opportunities for multicultural learning and interdisciplinary planning.

Schools of Distinction in Arts Education *(The 1st-place state awardee will be nominated for the Kennedy Center's "National Schools of Distinction Award.")*

To recognize individual schools that have done an outstanding job of making the arts an essential part of education by including two or more of the following components: (1) teaching all the arts (dance, music theatre, visual arts) as specific disciplines; (2) providing imaginative learning environments; (3) including parental involvement; (4) promoting learning about other cultures; and (5) encouraging community connections.

Excellence in School Administration Arts Advocate

To honor a school administrator for: (1) support for, and commitment to high-quality arts education programs; (2) leadership in promoting arts education and building community support; (3) incorporation of the arts into overall school/district education reform efforts; and (4) support of opportunities for multicultural and interdisciplinary learning. The recipient will be an active advocate for the arts and show outstanding leadership and rapport with students, teachers, parents, and the community.

Massachusetts School Committee Arts in Education

For a school committee that: (1) demonstrates long-term support for, and commitment to high quality arts education in its school district, community, state, or special jurisdiction; (2) shows evidence of incorporation of all arts into its local educational reform efforts, including the National Arts Standards, the Massachusetts Arts Curriculum Framework, and the adoption of local arts standards; (3) demonstrates leadership in promoting arts education and building community support; and (4) creates opportunities for multicultural learning. This award recipient will become the state nominee for the Kennedy Center Alliance for the Arts Education Network and National School Boards Association 2010 Annual School Board Award. Nominations forms have already been sent to all Massachusetts School Committees.

Outstanding Parent Advocate

To honor a parent or parent organization for demonstrating outstanding support for the arts and working to improve arts education in schools and communities by: (1) demonstrating leadership in promoting arts education and building community support; (2) incorporating the arts into overall school/district reform efforts; and (3) supporting opportunities for multicultural and interdisciplinary learning in the arts.

Outstanding Community Arts Collaborative

For arts educators who have developed a model arts collaborative between school and community cultural resources. Recipients show evidence of: (1) interdisciplinary planning and cooperative programming between cultural institutions and the schools; (2) exemplary teaching and programming in the arts; (3) professional involvement and leadership beyond the classroom; and (4) addressing the cultural and arts education needs of the community, (5) Stimulation of community support.

Corporate/Business Support of Arts Education

To honor a business or corporation in Massachusetts that has demonstrated: (1) extensive financial, technical, and promotional support of the arts; (2) support that allows for the presentation of cultural and artistic events and initiatives in the schools and in the community; (3) support of opportunities for multicultural learning through the arts; (4) provision for and promotion of arts education in specific communities or throughout the State.

Outstanding Student Advocate

Awarded to a student who has demonstrated exceptional leadership in making the case that the arts are important for Massachusetts youth. The recipient should be seen as a model within the school/organization and exemplify its mission. Requires nomination by a teacher or school official.



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Required Nomination Materials

The following awards: **Distinguished Arts Educator, Excellence in School Administration, Outstanding Parent Advocate, Outstanding Arts Collaborative, Corporate/ Business Support of Arts Education, Student Advocate** require:

1. Application for Nomination cover form.
2. Up to two page narrative on topics listed below.
3. Three supporting documents: (ex. brochures or articles related to your work, up to six digital photographs highlighting student accomplishments, up to five minutes of digital video or audio file of student's or own work, letters of support) Please include all digital files on a DVD with appropriate directory/labeling and provide two copies. **Please note: Materials can not be returned**
4. Two letters of recommendation from:
 - School Superintendent
 - Arts Administrator or Supervisor
 - Persons knowledgeable about your teaching, program, or service to arts education

Narrative Topics for Each Award are as Follows:

Distinguished Arts Educator Advocate Award

1. Describe your model program and justify its innovation and connections to the standards and frameworks, your connection to regional arts resources and your experiences with arts integration and multi-cultural arts connections.
2. Describe your arts advocacy activities both for your program, for arts in your community, state and arts education in general.

Excellence in School Administration Arts Advocate Award

1. Describe your current school arts program. Detail how your leadership has strengthened arts education in your school(s). Give evidence of this leadership, including budgetary information, staffing, materials, facilities, curricula, and professional development. Indicate how arts programs have scheduling parity with other subjects.
2. Describe your active advocacy for the arts in your school and community and your ability to communicate effectively about arts education.
3. Give examples of your leadership and rapport with various constituents in your school community (ex. students, parents, teachers, arts/cultural/community organizations).



Outstanding Parent Advocate

1. Describe the current school arts program. Detail how you have strengthened arts education in your school(s). Give evidence of your leadership (ex. financial, political, and/or organizational support to arts organizations in your school).
2. Describe your active advocacy for the arts in your school and community and your ability to communicate effectively about arts education.
3. Give examples of your leadership and rapport with various constituents in your school community (ex. students, teachers, parents, and arts/cultural/community organizations).

Outstanding Arts Collaborative Award

1. Summarize the collaborative program highlighting arts content and describing the process and product of your collaboration.
2. Describe the need(s) addressed in the development of the program and how your program has contributed to long-term solutions to the problems.
3. Describe how the program has given participants (student and/or adult) greater involvement in the arts and in the community.
4. Describe changes, such as curriculum development and budget allocation, which have occurred as a result of this program.
5. Attach most recent fiscal-year budget highlighting funding for collaborations in addition to the 2-page narrative limit.

Corporate/Business Support of Arts Education Award

1. Give a history of your business and how you became involved in support of arts education. Indicate and describe specific programs that you have assisted (domain of art such as dance, music, visual, theater, audience age level, etc.)
2. Indicate your financial, technical, and/or promotional support of arts education locally or statewide.
3. Describe your active advocacy for the arts and the ability to communicate effectively about the role of arts education in your community.
4. Describe your sponsorship of cultural and artistic events, community cultural institutions, resources, and/or arts education.

Outstanding Student Advocate Award

1. Please describe the student's involvement with the school/organizations [include program(s) and length of participation].
2. Please describe how the student has advocated for the importance of the arts for youth to the program's administrators, teachers, other community leaders, and/or his or her peers, including any challenging circumstances the student may have met to accomplish goals.
3. Please describe the student's most outstanding leadership moment related to arts advocacy.
4. Attach a separate page listing complete parent/guardian contact information including name(s), address(es), email address(es), home & work phone(s), cell phone(s).

For the **Schools of Distinction in Arts Education Award**: *Please contact A|L at info@artslearning.org or 508-650-5044 to obtain this specific nomination packet.*

Return all nomination materials (form, narrative, letters, and DVDs) to:
Arts|Learning at Walnut Hill; 2010 Awards Committee; 12 Highland Street; Natick, MA 01760



2010 Advocacy Awards Application for Advocacy Awards Nomination

Cover Page

Deadline: March 1 postmarked, received by March 4, 2010
Please type nomination materials. Thank You!

Nominee Information

Name of Nominee or Institution: _____

Nominee's Position or Title: _____

Institution *(if different from above)* _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Name of District State Senator: _____

Name of State House Member: _____

Nominator Information

Name of Nominator: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Are you a member of Arts|Learning? Yes No To become a member contact
 (Please circle) A|L at info@artslearning.org

Award Category

(Please check only ONE category per application)

- Distinguished Arts Educator Advocate (check art domain): Dance Music Theater Visual Art
- Schools of Distinction in Arts Education
- Excellence in School Administration Arts Advocate
- Outstanding Parent Advocate
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Please complete the appropriate section below

Distinguished Arts Educator & Excellence in School Administration Advocate

Total years of teaching/administrative experience: _____

Total years at institution listed above: _____

Supervisor's name: _____

Superintendent's name: _____

List of professional arts and community organizations in which nominees are an active member

(Include any offices and responsibilities held)

Outstanding Arts Collaborative

Year institution/organization was founded: _____

Attach most recent FY annual budget—Months & Year: _____

Executive Director's name: _____

Chief Financial Officer's name: _____

List the collaboratives/partnerships in which this organization has participated during the past five years *(Include the partnering organizations name, contact person and phone number, and the title of the project. Attach an additional sheet if necessary)*

Student Advocate Award

Please also include parent/guardian name(s) and complete contact information on separate page (full home address + ZIP code, email address, home—work—cell phone numbers)

Include these Cover Pages at the top of your application.

Call 508-650-5044 or e-mail info@artslearning.org for more information.