The CreativeOhio Arts Educator Champion Award was created to honor an Ohioan who has demonstrated exemplary effort and made a significant impact in arts education.

Award Objectives

- To recognize excellence in arts education within the individual.
- To focus professional attention on quality art education and exemplary art educators.
- To increase public awareness of the importance of quality art education.
- Set standards for quality art education and show how they can be achieved.
- To provide tangible recognition of achievement, earn the respect of colleagues, and enhance professional opportunities for an arts educator.

Nominations include

- Submitted Award Nomination Form
- Letters of Recommendation (No more than five)
- Photo of the Nominee
- *No age restrictions on nominations*

When submitting your nomination, your letters of support should reflect the nominees:

- Demonstrated sustained efforts in arts education
- Arts and creative teaching, contributions, and achievements
- Impact of arts education throughout the region

Award Selection

Nominations and supporting documentation are submitted to the CreativeOhio Foundation at Nominations@creativeoh.org. The CreativeOhio award committee, made up of CreativeOhio board members and members of the Mahoning Valley Region, will select the award recipient.

Deadlines

The call for nominations will close on June 15, 2023. This timeline allows the selection committees sufficient time to review documentation, make final decisions, and announce the winning recipient's name.

Winners will be announced/notified on July 14th.

Award Presentations

Awards are presented at the CreativeOhio Champion Awards Friday, October 20, 2023, at noon at The Lake Club, Poland, Ohio.

Awards will be commissioned original art pieces.

Press Release

Before the CO Champion Award, Luncheon, each awardee will receive a press release that they can forward to employers, local media, art departments, school administrators, etc.