



215 QUARTERFINALISTS ANNOUNCED FOR 2025 MUSIC EDUCATOR AWARD™ PRESENTED BY THE RECORDING ACADEMY® AND GRAMMY MUSEUM®

RECIPIENT, FINALISTS AND SEMI-FINALISTS TO RECEIVE CASH HONORARIUMS WITH GENEROUS SUPPORT AND RESOURCES PROVIDED BY THE CHUCK LORRE FAMILY FOUNDATION

WHAT: The [Music Educator Award™](#) was established to recognize current educators (kindergarten through college and public and private schools) who have made a significant and lasting contribution to the field of music education and who demonstrate a commitment to the broader cause of maintaining music education in the schools. A joint partnership and presentation of the Recording Academy® and GRAMMY Museum®, the recipient will be recognized during GRAMMY® Week 2025.

The award is open to current U.S. music teachers, and anyone can nominate a teacher — students, parents, friends, colleagues, community members, school deans, and administrators. Teachers are also able to nominate themselves, and nominated teachers are notified and invited to fill out an application.

Each year, one recipient is selected from 10 finalists and recognized for their remarkable impact on students' lives. The 11th annual honoree will be flown to Los Angeles to attend the 67th Annual GRAMMY Awards® and a range of GRAMMY Week events. The nine additional finalists will receive a \$1,000 honorarium, and the schools of all 10 finalists will receive matching grants.

Fifteen semi-finalists will receive a \$500 honorarium with matching school grants. The Music Educator Award program, including honorariums, is made possible by the generosity and support of **The Chuck Lorre Family Foundation**. Special thanks to the American Choral Directors Association, National Association for Music Education, NAMM Foundation, and National Education Association for their support of this program through outreach to their constituencies.

WHO: A total of 215 music teachers from 202 cities have been announced as quarterfinalists for the Music Educator Award presented by the Recording Academy and GRAMMY Museum. In total, over 2,400 initial nominations were submitted. In addition to our quarterfinalists, 159 legacy applicants from 2024 will also be eligible to win the award this year.



QUARTERFINALISTS

Name	School	City	State
Bryant Adler	Alcoa Elementary School	Alcoa	Tennessee
Patrick Aguayo	Rolling Hills Middle School	Los Gatos	California
Chrsitopher Alberts	School Without Walls	Washington	Washington, D.C.
Bobi-Jean Alexander	Seneca Valley Senior High School	Harmony	Pennsylvania
Erin Althen	Westhill High School	Syracuse	New York
Kathleen Amabile	Elk Lake Junior-Senior High School	Springville	Pennsylvania
Michael Antmann	Freedom High School	Orlando	Florida
Amanda Babcock	Merrimack Valley Middle School	Penacook	New Hampshire
Eric Bable	Crestview High School	Columbiana	Ohio
Natalie Baker	Missoula International School	Missoula	Montana
Jean-Paul Balmat	Mission Bay High School	San Diego	California
Russell Balusek	Edna High School	Edna	Texas
Lee Anne Barnes	Thomas Street Elementary School	Tupelo	Mississippi
Makynzie Barton	Elkton High School	Elkton	Maryland
Andrew Beasley	Pearl High School	Pearl	Mississippi
Daniel Beilman	Oak Park School	Sarasota	Florida
Andrew Bennett	Fredonia High School	Fredonia	New York
David Billingsley	DeLaSalle High School	Minneapolis	Minnesota
Stephen Blanco	Las Vegas High School	Las Vegas	Nevada
Mike Bogle	Dallas College Cedar Valley Campus	Dallas	Texas
Sarah Boline	Johns Hill Magnet School	Decatur	Illinois
Cherie Bowe	Pascagoula High School	Pascagoula	Mississippi
Nathan Bowman	Southeast Middle School	Salisbury	North Carolina
Tamiko Bridges	Laurel High School	Laurel	Mississippi
Justin Britt	Kingston Public Schools	Kingston	Oklahoma
Korey Bruno	Westfield High School	Westfield	Massachusetts
Richard Butler	Jack Britt High School	Fayetteville	North Carolina
Jason Canfield	Prescott High School	Prescott	Wisconsin



Clayton Capello	Pettus ISD	Pettus	Texas
Dr. John Carlisle	Hannan JSHS	Ashton	West Virginia
Taylor Cash	Albertville High School	Albertville	Alabama
Barry Chesky	Dulaney High School	Timonium	Maryland
Ethan Chessin	Camas High School	Camas	Washington
Ernesta Chicklowski	Roosevelt Elementary School	Tampa	Florida
Donna Clark	Miguel Juarez Middle School	Waukegan	Illinois
Jeremy Cole	Southern Middle School	Somerset	Kentucky
James Cooney	Mayville High School	Mayville, WI	Wisconsin
Paul Corn	Susan E. Wagner High School	Staten Island	New York
Kevin Croxton	Oliver Springs Elementary School	Van Buren	Arkansas
Brandon Czubachowski	Spring Valley Hall High School	Spring Valley	Illinois
Mike D'Errico	Albright College	Reading	Pennsylvania
Nicole Davidson	Susan E. Wiley Elementary School	Copiague	New York
Andy Davis	Reavis High School	Burbank	Illinois
Kelly DeHaan	Mountain Ridge High School	Herriman	Utah
David Dehnet	Oral Roberts University	Tulsa	Oklahoma
Joe DeLisi	Chisago Lakes High School	Lindstrom	Minnesota
Jesse Dooley	Millbury Jr./Sr. High School	Millbury	Massachusetts
Lawrence Dubill	Hamburg High School	Hamburg	New York
Bridget Duffy-Ulrich	Oshkosh North High School	Oshkosh	Wisconsin
Jared Duncan	DeKalb School of the Arts	Avondale Estates	Georgia
Nicole Durkin	Argo Community High School	Summit	Illinois
Kaley Eaton	Cornish College of the Arts	Seattle	Washington
Cindy Ellis	Miami Arts Studio 6-12 at Zelda Glazer	Miami	Florida
Clerida Eltime	WHIN Music Community Charter School	New York	New York
Grady Emmert	Lake Buena Vista High School	Orlando	Florida
Gerardo Escobar	Riverside Middle School	El Paso	Texas
Regan Eudy	Central Elementary School	Albemarle	North Carolina
Kevin Fallon	C.W. Worthington Middle School	Haslet	Texas
Jason Falvo	Waynesburg Central Elementary	Waynesburg	Pennsylvania
Mike Fedyszyn	Riverview Middle School	Plymouth	Wisconsin
Daniel Ferreira	Klein Intermediate School	Houston	Texas
Jill Fetty	Clear Falls High School	League City	Texas



Joe Finnegan	DC Everest Senior High School	Weston	Wisconsin
Joseph Flores	Mesa Middle School	Roswell	New Mexico
Jasmine Fripp	KIPP Nashville Collegiate High School	Nashville	Tennessee
Sarah Fulton	Kings Mountain High School	Kings Mountain	North Carolina
Stefanie Gardner	Glendale Community College	Glendale	Arizona
Ryan Geary	Sanford High School	Sanford	Maine
Emily Golden	East Burke High School	Connelly Springs	North Carolina
Rob Goldman	Westwood High School	Westwood	Massachusetts
Alex Grimm	F.J. Reitz High School	Evansville	Indiana
Melanie Gunn	Whitman Middle School	Seattle	Washington
Daniel Gutierrez	Nixa High School	Nixa	Missouri
Holly Haffner	Grissom Middle School	Sterling Heights	Michigan
Michael Hamann	West Ottawa High School	Holland	Michigan
Tony Aaron Hambrick	Jessye Norman School of the Arts	Augusta	Georgia
Cordara Harper	Grambling State University	Grambling	Louisiana
Vernon Harris	Pulaski Heights Middle School	Little Rock	Arkansas
Sarah Hart	Islander Middle School	Mercer Island	Washington
Kellie Harvey	Fruitland Primary School	Fruitland	Maryland
Toby Harwell	Wiseburn Middle School	Hawthorne	California
Rachael Heffner	Brookhaven Innovation Academy	Norcross	Georgia
Bobby Helms	Copiah-Lincoln Community College	Wesson	Mississippi
Bernie Hendricks, Jr.	Ocoee High School	Ocoee	Florida
Christopher Henke	Kittatinny Regional High School	Newton	New Jersey
Brian Henson	Walnut Grove High School	Prosper	Texas
Samuel Hjort	Mission High School	Mission	Texas
Matt Howe	Cathedral City High School	Cathedral City	California
Cole Hunt	Burchfield Elementary School	Oneida	Tennessee
Andria Hyden	Bedichek Middle School	Austin	Texas
Brandi Jason	Liberty High School	Eldersburg	Maryland
Sonja Jewell	Loudoun Country Day School	Leesburg	Virginia
Jennifer Jimenez	South Miami Sr. High School	Miami	Florida
John Johnson	Boyd County High School	Ashland	Kentucky
Amir Jones	Thomas W. Harvey High School	Painesville	Ohio
Brian Joyce	South Jones High School	Ellisville	Mississippi

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Wimberly Kennedy	Red Bank High School	Chattanooga	Tennessee
Larry Kennon	Troy Christian Junior High/High School	Troy	Ohio
Joshua Krohn	Brent Elementary School	Washington	Washington, D.C.
Erin Kronzek	Unity School	Delray Beach	Florida
Sarah Labrie	Lexington High School	Lexington	Massachusetts
J Alan Landers	Lakenheath High School	Apo	Armed Forces Europe
Eric Laprade	The College of New Jersey	Ewing	New Jersey
Samantha Leali	Shenango Junior/Senior High School	New Castle	Pennsylvania
Richelle Lenoir	Global Leadership Academy High School	Jacksonville	Florida
Lindsay Linderman	Murray LaSaine Montessori School	Charleston	South Carolina
Katanna Linn	Highlands Ranch High School	Highlands Ranch	Colorado
Candace Love	August Boeger Middle School	San Jose	California
Christopher Lubken	Robert Service High School	Anchorage	Alaska
Ryan Mack	P.S. 10 Magnet School of Math, Science, and Design Technology	Brooklyn	New York
Rebecca MacLeod	University of Illinois Urbana Champaign	Champaign	Illinois
Adrian Maclin	Cordova High School	Memphis	Tennessee
Cyndi Mancini	Montour High School	McKees Rocks	Pennsylvania
Kate Margrave	Pine Creek High School	Colorado Springs	Colorado
Matt Martindale	Shelby County High School	Columbiana	Alabama
Abigail Martinez	Erie Middle School	Erie	Colorado
Kathleen McCarthy	Attleboro High School	Attleboro	Massachusetts
Leigh Ann McClain	Griffin Middle School	The Colony	Texas
Erin McConnell	Camillus Middle School	Camillus	New York
Lawrence McCrobie	Valley High School	Louisville	Kentucky
Jay McCulley	Sunset Middle School	Brentwood	Tennessee
Angela McKenna	Classen School of Advanced Studies at Northeast High School	Oklahoma City	Oklahoma
Jonathan R.P. McTier III	Alief Hastings High School	Houston	Texas
Kimberly Meader	Green Bay Preble High School	Green Bay	Wisconsin
Jessie Mersinger	New Brunswick High School	New Brunswick	New Jersey
Adam Mewhorter	Southmoore High School	Moore	Oklahoma
James Minnix	Central Connecticut State University	New Britain	Connecticut



Jake Mitchell	Hebron Middle School	Shepherdsville	Kentucky
William J. Molineaux	The Osceola County School for the Arts	Kissimmee	Florida
Darren Motamedy	Walter Johnson International Academy	Las Vegas	Nevada
Jonathan Mracko	Postlethwait Middle School	Camden Wyoming	Delaware
Curtis Mulvenon	Shawnee Mission West High School	Overland Park	Kansas
Elizabeth Nardone	EM Stanton School	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania
Michelle Nielsen	Diamond Canyon School	Anthem	Arizona
Kelly Nieman	Alden Intermediate School	Alden	New York
Mallory Norton	Weddington High School	Matthews	North Carolina
Heather Orr	Montgomery High School	Montgomery	Texas
Augustine Ortiz	Edgar Allen Poe Middle School	San Antonio	Texas
Jeremy Overbeck	Century High School	Bismarck	North Dakota
Andrew Pahos	John Sevier Middle School	Kingsport	Tennessee
Lindsey Parker	Laguna Beach High School	Laguna Beach	California
Andrew Pease	Hartwick College	Oneonta	New York
TJ Pelanek	Underwood Public School	Underwood	Minnesota
Justin Peterson	Middle School 67Q Louis Pasteur	Little Neck	New York
Anthony Pickard	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. High School	Lithonia	Georgia
Preston Pierce	Plano West Senior High School	Plano	Texas
Thomas Pierre	Rosa L. Parks ES	Hyattsville	Maryland
Chris Pierson	Chaparral High School	Las Vegas	Nevada
Jonathan Powell	West End High School	Walnut Grove	Alabama
Courtney Powers	Hoboken Charter School	Hoboken	New Jersey
Briony Price	Gramercy Arts High School	New York City	New York
Neal Raskin	Big Foot Union High School	Walworth	Wisconsin
Marc Ratner	Mineola High School	Garden City Park	New York
Tess Remy-Schumacher	University of Central Oklahoma	Edmond	Oklahoma
Stephen Rew	Raymore-Peculiar High School	Peculiar	Missouri
Cindy Reynolds	Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic School	Shawnee	Kansas
Lou Ribar	Lenape Elementary	Ford City	Pennsylvania
Dianna Richardson	Cleveland School of the Arts	Cleveland	Ohio
Michael Richardson	Perry Meridian High School	Indianapolis	Indiana
Leslie Riedel	Capital High School	Charleston	West Virginia
Adam Robinson	Norwood High School	Norwood	Ohio

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James Robinson	Elkin High School	Elkin	North Carolina
Nathan Rodahl	Port Angeles High School	Port Angeles	Washington
Darren Rodgers	St. Augustine High School	New Orleans	Louisiana
Lenae Rose	Morgan County High School	Madison	Georgia
Stewart Rosen	Walter Reed Middle School	North Hollywood	California
David Roth	Lakeside High School	Ashtabula	Ohio
Seth Rowoldt	Annunciation Orthodox School	Houston	Texas
Stefanie Sagaro	Academy for Innovative Education Charter School	Miami Springs	Florida
Maura Saint	Blackhawk High School	Beaver Falls	Pennsylvania
Mike Scott	Columbia Basin College	Pasco	Washington
Kelly Seymour	Ballston Spa Middle/High School	Ballston Spa	New York
Natalie Sheeler	Sturgis Charter Public School	Hyannis	Massachusetts
Matthew Shephard	Meridian Early College High School	Sanford	Michigan
Aleshia Shouse	Christian Academy of Indiana	New Albany	Indiana
Alex Sieira	Harrison High School	Harrison	New Jersey
Adria Smith	Marblehead Community Charter Public School	Marblehead	Massachusetts
Anthony Spano	Culver City High School	Culver City	California
William Steadman	General McLane High School	Edinboro	Pennsylvania
Mike Steep	Parkway Northeast Middle School	Creve Coeur	Missouri
Katie Stephens	Charles D. Owen High School	Black Mountain	North Carolina
Evelyn Stohlman	Bishop Shanahan High School	Downingtown	Pennsylvania
Kokoe Tanaka-Suwan	Parsons Memorial & Purchase Elementary Schools	Harrison	New York
Jameelah Taylor	Trevor Day School	New York City	New York
Brian Teed	Wakeland High School	Frisco	Texas
Josh Tharp	West Fairmont Middle School and Rivesville Elementary/Middle School	Fairmont	West Virginia
Jennifer Theisen-Gray	William M. Colmer Middle School	Pascagoula	Mississippi
Mark Thomas	Upper Perkiomen	Pennsburg	Pennsylvania
Zachary Thomas	Ledyard High School	Ledyard	Connecticut
Alex Underwood	Hays High School	Hays	Kansas
Craig Uppercue	Volusia County Schools	Daytona Beach	Florida
Lindsay Vasko	Walnut Grove High School	Prosper	Texas



Allen Venezio	East River High School	Orlando	Florida
Felicia Villa	Point Pleasant Borough High School	Point Pleasant	New Jersey
James Villegas	Grossmont High School	El Cajon	California
Rachel Waddell	Colorado State University	Fort Collins	Colorado
Meghan Wagner	Auburn Riverside High School	Auburn	Washington
Bryan Waites	Clements High School	Sugar Land	Texas
Donald Walter	Northwest Guilford High School and Northwest Guilford Middle School	Greensboro	North Carolina
Victoria Warnet	Columbus State University	Columbus	Georgia
Christopher Weddel	Fremont High School	Fremont	Nebraska
Elliot Weeks	Seattle Preparatory School	Seattle	Washington
Kayla Werlin	Longmeadow High School	Longmeadow	Massachusetts
Bryce Wertz	Oak Hill High School	Oak Hill	Ohio
Robert West	Clark High School	Las Vegas	Nevada
Aria Westbrook	Hawfields Middle School	Mebane	North Carolina
Kimberly Whitehead	Sikeston High School	Sikeston	Missouri
Jeremy Williams	Marrero Middle School	Marrero	Louisiana
Doretha Williams	GEO Next Generation High School	Baton Rouge	Louisiana
Kelly Winovich	Northgate Middle/Senior High School	Pittsburgh	Pennsylvania
Kate Wisbey	Charlottesville Catholic School	Charlottesville	Virginia
Elise Witt	Global Village Project	Decatur	Georgia
Scott Woodard	West Virginia State University	Institute	West Virginia
Amber Yates	Thompson Middle School	Alabaster	Alabama
Christopher-Rey Yraola	Ramón C. Cortines School of Visual and Performing Arts	Los Angeles	California

LEGACY APPLICANTS

Name	School	City	State
Bruce Adams	Sam Houston High School	San Antonio	Texas
Casie Adams	Martinsburg High School	Martinsburg	West Virginia
Miguel Aguiar	Southwest High School	San Antonio	Texas
Dawn Amthor	Wallkill Senior High School	Wallkill	New York



Christopher Andrews	Hephzibah High School	Hephzibah	Georgia
Jeanne Andrews	Petway Elementary School	Vineland	New Jersey
Justin Antos	Dwight D. Eisenhower High School	Blue Island	Illinois
Javier Arau	New York Jazz Academy	New York	New York
Timothy Arnold	Orono High School	Long Lake	Minnesota
Elizabeth Baker	Mary Martin Elementary	Weatherford	Texas
Andre Barnes	Science Park High School	Newark	New Jersey
Jeremy Bartunek	Greenbriar School	Northbrook	Illinois
Adem Birson	New York University	New York	New York
Benjamin Blasko	Lipscomb University	Nashville	Tennessee
Amanda Blevins	Tri-Valley High School	Dresden	Ohio
Susan Boddie	Valdosta State University	Valdosta	Georgia
Adrian Bonner	Lancaster High School	Lancaster	Texas
Steve Browne	Nashville Community High School	Nashville	Illinois
Ryan Bulgarelli	Williamsport Area High School	Williamsport	Pennsylvania
Cathryn Burt	East Newton High School	Granby	Missouri
James Byrn, Jr.	Maconaquah High School	Bunker Hill	Indiana
Mary Catherine Campbell	Seven Pines Elementary School	Sandston	Virginia
Helen Capehart	Bridgeport High School	Bridgeport	Texas
Marcos Carreras	Conservatory of the Arts	Springfield	Massachusetts
Roger Chagnon	Westfield Academy and Central School	Westfield	New York
Kristopher Chandler	Gautier High School	Gautier	Mississippi
Jeff Chang	Decatur High School	Federal Way	Washington
Travis Coakley	William Carey University	Hattiesburg	Mississippi
Vanessa Cobb	Montgomery Central High School	Cunningham	Tennessee
Trish Conover	Community Middle School	Plainsboro	New Jersey
John Contreras	Pueblo High School	Tucson	Arizona
Daniel Cook	Ithaca College	Ithaca	New York
Kyle Cook	Western Branch Middle School	Chesapeake	Virginia
Travis Cook	Plymouth Christian Academy	Canton	Michigan
Andrew Cote	Merrimack College	North Andover	Massachusetts
Drew Cowell	Belleville East High School	Belleville	Illinois
Cory Joy Craig	Benton Intermediate School	Benton	Louisiana
Matthew Cunningham	Brockton High School	Brockton	Massachusetts

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Isaac Daniel III	Stax Music Academy	Memphis	Tennessee
Jackie Deen	Pottsville High School	Pottsville	Texas
Matthew Denman	Classen School of Advanced Studies	Oklahoma City	Oklahoma
Ryan Diefenderfer	Paradise Valley High School	Phoenix	Arizona
Jennifer DiVasto	Pennridge School District	Perkasie	Pennsylvania
Antoine Dolberry	P.S. 103 Hector Fontanez School	Bronx	New York
George Dragoo	Stevens High School	Rapid City	South Dakota
Marisa Drake	Patuxent High School	Lusby	Maryland
Kathleen Dudley	Andrew Cooke Magnet School	Waikagan	Illinois
Jonathan Eising	James Hubert Blake High School	Silver Spring	Maryland
Jonathan Eldridge	Weston Public Schools	Weston	Massachusetts
Carol Evans	Gwynedd Mercy University	Gwynedd Valley	Pennsylvania
Anthony Ferreira	Suffield High School	West Suffield	Connecticut
Tamara Frazier	North Valleys High School	Reno	Nevada
J.D. Frizzell	Briarcrest Christian School	Eads	Tennessee
Chesteron Frye	St. Helena College & Career Academy	Denham Springs	Louisiana
Matt Gerry	Salina South Middle School	Salina	Kansas
Anna Girling	Sebastopol Attendance Center	Sebastopol	Mississippi
Serena Gorham	Weare Middle School	Weare	New Hampshire
Kylie Griffin	Dozier Elementary	Erath	Louisiana
Jessica Gronberg	Hawkes Bluff Elementary	Davie	Florida
Nathaniel Gunter	Greer High School	Greer	South Carolina
Amy Hannequin	Bethel Middle School	Bethel	Connecticut
Crystal Harding	Ypsilanti Community High School	Ypsilanti	Michigan
Diane Harrigan	Bloom High School	Chicago Heights	Illinois
Toye Harris	Miami High School	Miami	Oklahoma
Chris Hayslette	Bridgeport Middle School	Bridgeport	West Virginia
Colette Hebert	Yonkers Public Schools	Yonkers	New York
Martha Heise	Seventh Street School	Oil City	Pennsylvania
Jonathan Helmick	Slippery Rock University	Slippery Rock	Pennsylvania
Joel Hill	Velma Jackson High School & Shirley D. Simmons Middle School	Camden	Mississippi
Elaine Holmes	Comsewogue High School	Port Jefferson Station	New York
Victor Iapalucci	Phillip Barbour High School	Philippi	West Virginia



Devin James	Salem High School	Conyers	Georgia
Heidi Jaye	Daniel Webster Elementary School	New Rochelle	New York
Jamie Jones	Manzano Day School	Albuquerque	New Mexico
Daniel Joosten	Edgerton High School	Edgerton	Wisconsin
Brett Keith	Northern Bedford County Middle/High School	Loysburg	Pennsylvania
Deonte Kennedy	Craigmont High School	Memphis	Tennessee
Lou Kitchner	Bedford Middle School	Westport	Connecticut
Michael Kiyoi	San Marcos High School	Santa Barbara	California
Kate Klotz	Monarch High School	Louisville	Colorado
Heidi Kohler	Ypsilanti Community High School	East Amherst	New York
Michael Lapomardo	Shrewsbury High School	Shrewsbury	Massachusetts
Morgan Lentino	Otter Creek Elementary	Elgin	Illinois
Lisa Linde	Newton South High School	Newton	Massachusetts
Cole Lundquist	Gloucester High School	Gloucester	Massachusetts
Marci Malone DeAmbrose	Lincoln Southwest High School	Lincoln	Nebraska
Bob Mamminga	St. Francis High School	Wheaton	Illinois
Jayson Martinez	Arts High School	Newark	New Jersey
Kevin McDonald	Wellesley High School	Wellesley	Massachusetts
Larrian Meniffee	Ball High School	Galveston	Texas
Kim Mettert	East Noble Middle School	Kendallville	Indiana
Natalie Moore	Sullivan High School	Sullivan	Missouri
Coty Raven Morris	Portland State University	Portland	Oregon
Brian Nabors	Shelby High School	Shelby	Ohio
Jenny Neff	University of the Arts	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania
Cassandra Nelson	Mountaineer Middle School	Morgantown	West Virginia
Trevor Nicholas	Nicholas Senn High School	Chicago	Illinois
Sam Noyce	Thomas Jefferson Jr. High School	Kearns	Utah
Tim O'Donnell	Ephrata High School	Ephrata	Washington
Shakia Paylor	City Neighbors High School	Baltimore	Maryland
Kathy Perconti	Wayne Central High School	Ontario Center	New York
Catherine Plichta	Theatre Arts Production Company School	Bronx	New York
Felix Ponce	Back of the Yards College Preparatory High School	Chicago	Illinois
David Pope	Baldwin Wallace University	Berea	Ohio



Brian Querry	Charles A. Huston Middle School	Lower Burrell	Pennsylvania
Lance Rauh	Patriot Oaks Academy	St. Johns	Florida
Hoza Redditt	MSA East Academy	Saint Gabriel	Louisiana
Heather Rentz	St. Mark School (Westpark)	Cleveland	Ohio
Sarah Riechers	Thurgood Marshall Elementary School	Manassas	Virginia
Stephanie Robertson	Ponchatoula High School	Ponchatoula	Louisiana
Bethany Robinson	Noblesville High School	Noblesville	Indiana
Keith Robinson	Jefferson Avenue Elementary	Seguin	Texas
Alberto Rodriguez	Mount Vernon High School	Alexandria	Virginia
Shawn Royer	Marian University	Indianapolis	Indiana
Dayshawn Russell	North Iberville Elementary and High School	Rosedale	Louisiana
Hannah Ryan	University of Virginia's College at Wise	Wise	Virginia
Kyle Ryan	Turkey Hill School	Orange	Connecticut
Ashley Sands	Kennedy Secondary School	Fergus Falls	Minnesota
Mark Santos	Santa Ana High School	Santa Ana	California
Danni Schmitt	Roland Park Elementary/Middle School	Baltimore	Maryland
Kevin Schoenbach	Oswego High School	Oswego	Illinois
Eric Schultz	Coastal Carolina University	Conway	South Carolina
Josh Settlemyre	R.J. Reynolds High School	Winston-Salem	North Carolina
Jason Shiuan	Saratoga High School	Saratoga	California
Katie Silcott	Olentangy Shanahan Middle School	Lewis Center	Ohio
Thomas Slater	Sumter School District	Sumter	South Carolina
Joani Slawson	Holy Trinity Episcopal Academy	Melbourne	Florida
Timothy Sloan	Albright Middle School	Houston	Texas
Andrew Smith	Charlotte Central School	Charlotte	Vermont
Cathryn Smith	Coleman High School	Coleman	Texas
Jessie Smith	Yes Prep Public Schools	Houston	Texas
Patrick Smith	Cooperative Arts High School	New Haven	Connecticut
Tony Spano	Culver City High School	Culver City	California
Wes Sparkes	Eagleview Middle School	Colorado Springs	Colorado
Julian Spires	Meade Middle School	Fort Meade	Maryland
Shannon Stem	University Academy	Panama City	Florida
Harold Stephan	Stuyvesant High School	New York	New York
Cassandra Sulbarán	Braintree High School	Braintree	Massachusetts
Lynn Sweet	Mount Anthony Union High School	Bennington	Vermont



Jessica Torres	Elmont Memorial Jr/Sr High School	Elmont	New York
Michelle Trinidad	Sacred Heart School	Bronx	New York
Alice Tsui	New Bridges Elementary	Brooklyn	New York
Martin Urbach	Harvest Collegiate High School	New York	New York
Johny Vargas	Pueblo High School	Tucson	Arizona
Amy Villanova	Canyon Crest Academy	San Diego	California
Valerie Vinnard	Webster Elementary	Long Beach	California
Kenneth Walker	Ralls ISD	Ralls	Texas
Jennifer Walter	University of North Carolina at Greensboro	Greensboro	North Carolina
John Ware	Stovall Middle School	Houston	Texas
Brandon Weeks	North Polk High School	Alleman	Iowa
Lisa Werner	St. Bruno Parish School	Dousman	Wisconsin
Elizabeth White	Holcomb RIII	Holcomb	Missouri
Tyler Wigglesworth	West Covina High School	West Covina	California
Paula Williams	The Ron Clark Academy	Atlanta	Georgia
Sandi Wilson	Franklin School of Innovation	Asheville	North Carolina
Damion Womack	The Montgomery Academy	Montgomery	Alabama
Tammy Yi	Chapman University and LA Phil YOLA Program	Orange County	California
Jason Younts	Samuel V. Champion High School	Boerne	Texas
DeAnna Zecchin	Indian River High School	Dagsboro	Delaware

WHEN: The **semi-finalists** will be announced in **September**. For more information, please visit grammymusicteacher.com. For a full list of past Music Educator Award recipients, [visit here](#).

ABOUT THE GRAMMY MUSEUM

The GRAMMY Museum, currently celebrating its 15th anniversary, is a nonprofit organization dedicated to celebrating and exploring music from yesterday and today to inspire the music of tomorrow through exhibits, education, grants, preservation initiatives, and public programming. Paying tribute to our collective musical heritage, the Museum values and celebrates the dynamic connection in people's diverse backgrounds and music's many genres, telling stories that inspire us, and creative expression that leads change in our industry.

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