The mission of the National Association for Music Education is to advance music education by encouraging the study and making of music by all. NAfME Collegiate is the professional membership for future music educators.

The purpose of the Professional Achievement Award is to recognize individual Collegiate members for their commitment and dedication to NAfME and music education. This recognition is given to Collegiate members who have served their chapters in an exemplary manner. All Collegiate members who meet the following criteria are eligible to receive this distinction. Recognition of professional achievement is conferred annually.

**Chapter of the Year Eligibility Criteria:**

1. Student must be currently enrolled in an active NAfME Collegiate chapter.
2. Student must also have been a Collegiate member of NAfME in the school year prior to the current one.
3. Student must possess an overall minimum grade point average of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) or equivalent during the year of the application.
4. Student must verify participation and involvement in chapter activities.

**Evaluation Scale:**

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<td>The nominee demonstrates a consistent and outstanding high quality. Work on this level shows evidence of a superior approach to interest in required criteria.</td>
<td>The nominee demonstrated excellent quality. Work on this level shows evidence of considerable approaches expected in required criteria.</td>
<td>The nominee generally demonstrated levels of quality on their application. Work on this level shows good evidence of interest demonstrated on required criteria.</td>
<td>The nominee is providing some quality. Work on this level shows evidence of fair approaches that may lack refinement but have potential related to required criteria.</td>
<td>The nominee did not demonstrate high levels of quality. Work on this level shows an inability to complete expected requirements as outlined on criteria.</td>
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Recipients of the Professional Achievement Award in a given year are then eligible to be considered for the Shannon Kelly Kane Scholarship.