



# 2025 - 2026 NAfME Collegiate Recognition Awards

## Chapter Advisor of Excellence Award

The National Association for Music Education (NAfME) is a collaborative community that supports music educators and advocates for equitable access to music education.

The Chapter Advisor of Excellence Awards are recognition of successful faculty advisors' involvement in developing, influencing, and impacting NAfME Collegiate chapters. Awards will be given to one chapter advisor in each of the Collegiate NAfME regions: Eastern Division, North Central Division, Northwest Division, Southern Division, Southwestern Division, and Western Division.

Individuals who are nominated **must be current active members of NAfME**.

Nominations for a Chapter Advisor of Excellence Award should come from a student or students who are members of their NAfME Collegiate chapter. To nominate an individual, an application to include a **written letter from a chapter leader** must be submitted by the awards submission window detailed below via the online submission portal. Please submit only **one nomination per advisor**.



**Nomination Letter Requirements:** Please provide reasons why the nominee should receive this award. *The following criteria may be considered when nominating an individual:*

- guidance and mentorship
- long-term support
- development of a sense of belonging
- care for individual well-being
- support of advocacy efforts
- cultivating leadership
- expressing a vision that empowers future music educators

**Supplemental Materials (optional):** Chapters are encouraged to provide supplemental materials to support their nomination. These materials may consist of photographs, recordings, video testimonials, additional letters from faculty and chapter members, etc.



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## Chapter Advisor of Excellence Award Rubric

5 - Highest Score	4	3	2	1 - Lowest Score
All criteria were met with several areas exceeding in breadth of creativity and effectiveness.	All criteria were met with one area exceeding breadth of creativity and effectiveness.	Partial criteria were met with several areas exceeding in breadth of creativity and effectiveness.	Partial criteria were met with one area exceeding breadth of creativity and effectiveness.	An attempt to meet criteria was made, but lacked substantial evidence.



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### **Application Questions**

#### **Chapter Advisor of Excellence Award**

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**Awards Submission Open Date:** January 26, 2026 12PM (ET)/9AM (PT)

**Awards Submission Close Date:** February 27, 2026 12PM (ET)/9AM (PT)

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**Name of College/University**

**Chapter Number**

**Student Nominator's Information:**

Student Nominator's First and Last Name

Student Nominator's NAFME Membership Number

Student Nominator's School Email Address

Student Nominator's Personal Email Address

Student Nominator's Phone Number

**Chapter Advisor Nominee's Information:**

Advisor Nominee's First and Last Name

Advisor Nominee's School Email Address

**Application Letter:**

*(File Upload)* Upload a letter detailing why this chapter advisor should receive the award. The following criteria may be considered when nominating an individual: guidance and mentorship, long-term support, development of a sense of belonging, care for individual well-being, support of advocacy efforts, cultivating leadership, expressing a vision that empowers future music educators.

*(File Upload)* Supplemental Materials *(optional)*: Please attach a document containing supplemental materials to support your nomination (photographs, recordings, video testimonials, additional letters from faculty or chapter members, etc.)