

# **AWARDS**

## **Vocal Music Teacher of the Year**

Our organization selects one member each year for special recognition. The award that this member receives is “Outstanding Vocal Music Teacher of the Year.” The following guidelines have been established in selecting this individual:

1. At the May meeting, members will be provided with a nomination form listing all eligible members of District V VMTO. Members will vote for one person.
2. The Award Nomination Committee will tabulate the results, compile biographies of the 4 members receiving the highest number of votes, and mail out this information with a ballot to be returned to the committee by June 15.
3. Only one award is presented regardless of elementary, middle school, or high school status.
4. A teacher must complete 3 years of teacher membership in VMTO before becoming eligible for nomination as “Outstanding Teacher of the Year”.
5. There is an automatic 5 year elimination from nomination of any director who is selected “Outstanding Vocal Music Teacher of the Year”.
6. The name of the recipient is withheld until the honor chorus concert of the next school term.

7. The recipient shall be recognized through all forms of media possible and presented the award at his/her Spring concert as well as at the District V Honor Chorus Concert.
8. Qualifications for Consideration:
  - A. Contribution to the association through performance of duties as assigned through elections, mandatory appointment, and voluntary appointments.
  - B. Level of excellence obtained in competition with his/her musical organizations.
  - C. Level of excellence obtained in instructional proficiency as a professional educator.
  - D. Accumulation of achievements in the professional competitive realms during his entire period of servitude in the district.
  - E. Must have been a member of the District V Vocal music Teachers Organization during the period of selection.
  - F. Contribution service to the community.
  - G. Teacher Eligibility

Last Five Years Recipients:

2007 - Cathy Comish

2006 - Anna Lou Babin

2004 – Sharon Stephenson

2003 – Melonee Cooper

2002 – Tony Dugas

Previous Recipients:

2001 – Gladys McKnight

2000 - Pam Gabriel

1999 – Cathy Comish

1998 – Lamar Robertson

1997 – Peggy Fletcher

1996 - Billy Jo Nelson

1995 – Helen Miers

1994 – Chris Miller

1993 – Jerry Crews

1992 – Ann Eisen

1991 – Cora McMillen

1990 – Linda Monta

1989 – Earl Alexander

1988 – Ross Allured

1987 – Pam Gabriel

1986 – Christy Cureton

1985 – Allison Peltz

1984 – Jo Ann Turner

1983 – Ross Allured

1982 – Anna Lou Babin

1981 – Bill Herring

1980 – Leonie Kingham

1979 – Tom Nix

1978 – Kaye Franklin

1977 – Rose Chretien

1976 – Peggy Corley

1975 – Marie Richardson

1974 – Betty Caudle

1973 – Nelda Boese

1972 – Anna Lou Babin

1971 – Lamar Robertson

## HONOR CHORUS

All participants receive a certificate of participation. Eighth grade students receive a trophy for three consecutive years of participation. Graduating seniors receive a trophy for four to eight years of participation.

## SCHOLARSHIP

A scholarship shall be awarded to one McNeese State University vocal music education major for both Fall and Spring semesters. The amount shall be \$250.00 per semester. The choral director and/or department head of said university shall select a student named by the MSU audition committee for approval by the corporation at the May meeting. Auditions shall be held in conjunction with all other university music scholarship auditions. The scholarship nominee must have participated in District V VMTO activities as high school student and must have completed one year of university study. If no students from District V meet the criterion, students who participated in programs outside the district will be considered to insure the scholarship is given every year.

The scholarship recipient must maintain a least a B average in music subjects and a C average in other subjects. Failure to maintain the above stipulated averages in the Fall semester forfeits the scholarship for the Spring semester. It shall be the responsibility of the recipient to submit a Fall transcript of grades to the VMTO President for continuation of the scholarship.

Each scholarship recipient shall be required to perform for the membership at one meeting during the school year. In lieu of performance, the scholarship recipient may elect to assist in one activity of the corporation during the school year.