



**Ohio Music Teachers Association**  
**Affiliated with Music Teachers National Association**  
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**Greetings,**

**2015 MTNA Award** applications are available on the [MTNA web site](#). We encourage you and your colleagues to apply. This year, **all applications and supporting materials must be submitted online** through the MTNA website by **November 1, 2014**.

Are you looking for an additional \$1,000 for your state budget? If so, apply for the [State Affiliate of the Year Award](#). Application is simple-provide an explanation of why the affiliate should be named MTNA State Affiliate of the Year (100 words or less) and a description of State Affiliate activities, including items such as state conference, professional development, outreach, student activities and the like (250 words or less). Materials must be submitted online by **November 1, 2014**.

Also, your state association likely recognizes one teacher each year for their contributions to music education. Why not take that a step further and enter a deserving teacher's name for consideration for the national [MTNA Teacher of the Year Award](#)? The winner of this top honor will receive a travel package to the MTNA National Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada, in addition to a crystal commemorative of their contributions to the music teaching profession. What a great way to honor the achievements of one of your colleagues. Submit materials online by **November 1, 2014**.

We also encourage you to follow up with each of your Local Associations about application for [Local Association of the Year](#). Let them know that they can apply on their own by simply submitting an application on the MTNA website. The winning local association will receive a check in the amount of \$1,000 to help further the current budget of the local. Local associations must fill out the online application by **November 1, 2014**.

Don't forget to contact your collegiate chapter advisors to apply on the MTNA website for the [Benjamin Whitten Collegiate Chapter of the Year Award](#). The winning chapter will receive \$500. Materials must be submitted by **November 1, 2014**.

MTNA recognizes that you have made a commitment to continuing education throughout your teaching career. In support of that decision, [the Piano Technicians Guild \(PTG\)](#) is sponsoring two scholarships available only to MTNA certified members. Any piano teacher who has earned MTNA Professional Certification and uses a Registered Piano Technician (RPT) can apply for one of these scholarships from the

Piano Technicians Guild (PTG). One of these annual scholarships in the amount of \$750 is to be used specially for Recreational Music Making and the other in the amount of \$1,000 for furthering one's teaching skills through continued education and/or performance study. The recipients will be announced at the 2015 MTNA National Conference Awards Brunch on [March 25](#), in Las Vegas, Nevada. This is an exceptional opportunity to receive scholarship funds to continue teacher training, attend a conference or workshop that otherwise might not be available to you, or study with a master teacher.

This year all applications must be filed online with a **November 1, 2014 deadline**

I encourage everyone to take advantage of these opportunities to broaden our horizons and take advantage of the great benefits of MTNA membership.

Sincerely,  
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OhioMTA President