

National Band Association

Al and Gladys Wright Distinguished Legacy Award

— *Recognizing extraordinary leadership, mentorship, and career achievement* —

Selection Criteria

The Al and Gladys Wright Distinguished Legacy Award recognizes achievement in leadership, teaching and/or other professional experience, mentorship, and service to the band profession. The award winner(s) will be announced at the NBA General Membership Meeting at the Midwest Clinic in Chicago. The actual presentation(s) will take place at an appropriate venue with the winner(s) in attendance.

Please read the selection criteria carefully to ensure all guidelines are followed. The President of the National Band Association will appoint a chair to oversee an Al and Gladys Wright Distinguished Legacy Award Committee, which will review nominations and submit recommendations to the National Band Association Executive Committee for final approval. Questions concerning the award should be directed to the Al and Gladys Wright Distinguished Legacy Award Committee chair.

Nominees for the Al and Gladys Wright Distinguished Legacy Award should meet the following criteria:

(1) Years of Distinguished Service

The award signifies lifetime achievement in the band profession rather than a single contribution, no matter how monumental. Nominees should have a minimum of 30 years of distinguished service to the profession, supporting the mission and goals of the National Band Association.

(2) Categories of Distinction

Distinction in these categories should be demonstrated through:

- demonstration of teaching excellence or other professional experience, including significant performances at major conferences and conventions; major awards given for distinction in teaching, conducting, scholarship, leadership, and/or performance;
- leadership beyond the requirements of the nominee's workplace/job at the state, and national/international level;
- service to band or other professional organizations such as offices held, committee memberships, special projects, general service, and volunteerism.

(3) Nomination Letter and Supporting Materials

Each nomination submission will be supported by a letter of nomination, the nominee's resume, and three letters of recommendation that speak to the nominee's distinction in the identified categories. The nominations must be single-spaced, organized as outlined below, and typed with 12-point font and 1-inch margins. The nomination (as one PDF document) is to be submitted electronically to the Al and Gladys Wright Distinguished Legacy Award Committee Chair by 11:59 PM ET on September 1. No mailed or faxed copies will be accepted. Nomination materials may be updated annually and resubmitted if the candidate is not selected (optional). Nominations may be withdrawn (by the nominator) at any time.

1. Letter of Nomination. The letter of nomination should include the name, address, daytime telephone number, and signature of the nominator; and the names of the authors of the letters of recommendation.
2. Resume or Curriculum Vitae. The nominee's resume/curriculum vitae should include the name, address, and daytime telephone number of the nominee; detail education; work experience; service at the district, state, national, and international level; publications and/or scholarship; significant performances; and service to professional organizations.
3. Letters of Recommendation. Three letters of recommendation must be included. Each of the categories (leadership, teaching/other professional experience, mentorship, service) should be addressed in at least one of the letters. The nominator may write one of the three letters of recommendation. Letters of recommendation should focus on the quality rather than the quantity of the performance of the nominee, emphasizing the distinction of the nominee's career, which warrants selection as an Al and Gladys Wright Distinguished Legacy Award recipient.

Note: It is the nominator's responsibility to ensure that nomination submissions are complete with the letter of nomination, curriculum vitae or resume, and the letters of recommendation—each separate entities. Incomplete packets will NOT be considered for the award.

Number of Awards

There is no requirement to give an annual award. More than one award may be made annually, however, no more than two awards in any given year will be given.