

SWEET ADELINES INTERNATIONAL

MEMO

DATE: February 13, 2014

TO: Regional Management Teams and YWIH Coordinators

FROM: Renée Porzel, International President

RE: NAFME (formerly MENC) and EMEA Award Recommendations

The International Board of Directors has requested that Regional Management Team members and the YWIH Coordinators submit recommendations for the Sweet Adelines International/ National Association for Music Education Award and for the European Music Education Association Award. At its June 2014 meeting the Board will select the recipient of these prestigious awards, which will be presented at the International Convention in Baltimore, Maryland.

This past November, in Honolulu, Debbie Baker was presented with this award. She has been a teacher for 14 years and changed the lives of so many young musicians. Debbie is a National Board Certified music educator. She has increased participation in vocal music programs in her district through the creation of two high achieving Young Women in Harmony choruses. She was honored to receive this award, and our organization is lucky to have her working to spread the love of barbershop harmony amongst young singers.

Last year there were many qualified musicians nominated for these awards. Please do not hesitate to update the nominations of these outstanding teachers and resubmit them along with your new nominees. We frequently hear reports of other members who are also devoting their time and energy to promoting the study of music, including the Young Women in Harmony program, in their local areas. We would love to see these members recommended so they are recognized for their efforts. You may submit more than one recommendation.

Qualifications for the NAFME (formerly MENC) award recipient are as follows:

- Recipient must be a music educator and a member of NAFME
- Recipient must be a member of Sweet Adelines International
- In addition, through her talent and dedication, the recipient must have made outstanding contributions to the furtherance of music education in public and/or private schools by promoting the barbershop style as an American art form.

Past recipients of the award are:

1992 Lindi Bortney	2000 Janice Kueppers	2008 Jennifer E. Edwards
1993 Sharon Vitkovsky	2001 Estelle Glarborg	2009 Karen Wysocky
1994 Lorraine Barrows	2002 Judie Sharp	2010 Anne Kotchman
1995 Sarah Boeka	2003 Melody Horgan	2011 Natalie Allen
1996 Dede Nibler	2004 Carol Grimmer	2012 Lori Lyford
1997 Debbie Connelly	2005 Kim Wonders	2013 Debbie Baker
1998 Beth Bruce	2006 Lauren Altieri	
1999 Jan Meyer	2007 Sheila Koplitz	

The European Music Educators Association (EMEA) Award was established in 2001 and presented in conjunction with the NAFME award. EMEA is an affiliate of NAFME. The EMEA Award is presented to someone who is associated with Sweet Adelines International and who has made outstanding contributions to the music education of youth in Europe.

The first recipients of this prestigious award were Alyson Allan and Glen Chaney, who taught and directed the Sweet Adolescence Chorus of high school girls in Nottingham, England, and who have brought barbershop music through their student tours to Belgium and Germany. They coach many student quartets; three participated in the first Rising Star Contest in the USA in 1999.

The organization is seeking affiliates of NAFME in all of the countries where our membership resides. Your assistance in researching those alliances is also requested. Please contact international headquarters, with information.

Please complete and return the attached recommendation form (you may duplicate as needed), along with a recent photograph of the candidate (if available), by **May 2, 2014**, to Lori Decter Wright, Director of Education, at International Headquarters, 9110 S. Toledo Ave, Tulsa, OK, USA 74137. Or, electronically via e-mail: lori@sweetadelineintl.org. In addition, you may fax it to 918-665-0894.

Kindly keep in mind that the International Board of Directors make their decisions based *solely* upon these submitted materials, so please be thorough in your submissions. Additional pages may be attached to the recommendation form as needed and high resolution photos are encouraged.

Thank you for taking the time and consideration to recommend possible recipients of these very special awards.

RP:ldw

Attachment

Copies to:
International Board of Directors
Executive Director
Corporate Services Department
Education Department

2014 SWEET ADELINES INTERNATIONAL
NAfME/EMEA AWARD RECOMMENDATION FORM

Candidate's Name _____ Chapter _____ Region _____
Address _____
City/State/Zip/Country _____
Phone (home) _____ (work) _____ (fax) _____
E-mail _____ Website _____
Years as a member of Sweet Adelines International _____

NAfME member? Yes ___ No ___ If yes, number of years _____
EMEA member? Yes ___ No ___ If yes, number of years _____

List Sweet Adelines International activities (past five years)

Educational Credentials

Current Occupation _____

Occupational History _____

Briefly describe the candidate's contribution to music education in schools and the promotion of barbershop harmony (attach an additional sheet, if necessary).

Submitted by: _____ Title _____ Region _____
Please include a recent photograph of candidate, if available.

SUBMIT THIS FORM BY MAY 2, 2014, TO:

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