

MARY J. ROUSE AWARD

The Mary J. Rouse award is given annually to recognize the contributions of an early professional who has evidenced potential to make significant contributions in the art education profession. The award is given in honor of Mary J. Rouse, a highly respected and professionally active art educator, whose untimely death in 1976 deeply affected the art education profession. In recognition of the contributions of an early professional in the field of art education, the Women's Caucus of the National Art Education Association invites nominations for the annual Mary J. Rouse Award.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- The nominee can be an early professional who has demonstrated outstanding performance in scholarship, leadership, and teaching.
- The current president and president-elect of the Executive Board of the NAEA Women's Caucus may not be nominated.
- Current membership of nominee in NAEA.

NOMINATION PROCESS: Nominations may be submitted by a mentor, or any other NAEA member. The nomination announcement will appear in the NAEA News.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- **Completed WC Award Application (this includes the nominator's letter and nominee statement)**
- **Attached Current Vita** of the nominee.
- **Attached Letters of Support:** Letters of recommendation from **three** other art educators.

Extra letters sent to the Chair of the Selection Committee will be returned to the nominator.

DEADLINE: Send the nomination packet in digital form as a PDF to the Award Chair by **NOV 15** preceding the NAEA Annual Convention.

SELECTION PROCESS:

1. A *six-person selection committee* (five voting members plus a neutral chair) will select the recipient of the Mary J. Rouse Award.
2. The selection committee will include as one of its members, the president of the Women's Caucus.
3. Other *suggested committee members* are as follows: an established art educator, an early professional art educator an arts administrator, and the Mary J. Rouse Award Committee Coordinator (the neutral Chair) who is appointed by the Women's Caucus President.

4. At least three members of the selection committee should be members of the NAEA Women's Caucus.

5. It is suggested that the committee members include elementary, secondary, and higher education art educators.

6. The selection committee will make its recommendation to the Women's Caucus Executive Board for affirmation.

The announcement of the recipient and the time and place of the award may be announced in the NAEA WC Column in NAEA News and the website. If there is no qualified nominee, the Rouse award will not be presented.