

VTAHPERD

Nomination for VAHPERD **Dance Educator** of the Year Award

Nominee _____

School/ Dance Company _____

Town/ District _____

What grade/ age levels does the nominee teach? _____

Nominators name, school, and phone number:

Using the criteria below, please indicate why this person should be a candidate for Dance Educator of the Year.

What other characteristics or skills does this person bring to their school or community?

Criteria for Dance Educator of the Year Award:

1. The candidate does not need to have a current membership in VAHPERD.
2. A dance educator is defined as an individual who is employed full time as a dance educator teaching K- 12 (primary, elementary, secondary) in a state accredited public or private school, and 50% or more of their job is devoted to teaching dance.
3. In addition, the teacher must show evidence of effective teaching in the following ways:
 - Teaching creatively and utilizing various methodologies.
 - Presenting a balanced and sequential curriculum based on the developmental, social, and psychological needs of the students.
 - Emphasizing the significance of dance as an integral cultural component that enables students to understand their own cultural heritage as well as that of others.
 - Promoting an understanding of dance as a creative art through the discussion of aesthetics of students' own works and/ or works of others.
 - Encouraging an appreciation of dance as a performing art through viewing live and/ or filmed works by professional dance companies.
 - Providing opportunities for students to share their creative work with appropriate audiences.
 - Serving as a positive role model for students.
 - Showing professional commitment through membership and active participation in local, state, and/ or national dance organizations.