The following criteria are used in selecting the New York State Art Educator of the Year Awardee

1. Membership and participation in NYSATA. Current membership in good standing is required. A minimum of five years of membership is preferred. Active participation in state and local activities is expected.

2. Service of at least 15 years within the field of Art Education.

3. Leadership and service to NYSATA at the local and/or state level.

4. Varied educational experience and background.

5. Professional contributions such as presentations of workshops at the local, state, and/or national level, creating and exhibiting own artwork, and/or publishing research or other articles about Art Education.

6. Development of an outstanding Art Education program at the local and/or state level.

7. Contributions to curriculum design at the local and/or state level.

8. Development of a philosophy and theory of Art Education that reflects best practice and is visible both in and outside of the classroom.

9. Commitment and dedication to the field of Art Education through strong advocacy, compassion and helpfulness to students and colleagues.

10. Membership in the National Art Education Association (may become a member upon receiving the NYSATA New York State Art Educator of the Year Award).

Each year one recipient will be presented with the award at the State conference.

NYSATA’s State Art Educator of the Year will be presented with an award from NAEA at the annual NAEA Conference.