Welcome!

Welcome and thank you for participating in this special edition of the Best Communities for Music Education survey.

Through this annual survey, the NAMM Foundation seeks to acknowledge and celebrate the commitment of schools and districts across the nation who act on their belief that music is an essential element of a well-rounded education available to all students.

Let’s get started.
A. There are two awards available. You may only apply for one award:
   1. **SupportMusic Merit Award**: this award is for an individual school (charter, parochial, private) that serves students at various grade levels.
   2. **Best Communities for Music Education**: this award is for school districts (multiple grades AND multiple buildings). If you would like to apply for this award, please fill out the [BCME survey](#).

   **Note**: Only one application can be submitted per district or school. We strongly encourage you to designate one person or one team leader to complete the survey.

B. This year we are including a special “More to Start” Supplemental Survey to assess post-COVID access points for new music students. This is especially important as schools and districts across the nation address these challenges and opportunities.

C. To be considered for a SupportMusic Merit Award for 2023, please consider the following:
   1. If you received the award in 2022, and if there have been NO significant changes to teacher staffing, student enrollment, or scheduling, you may choose to use the data you submitted in 2022 to be considered for the 2023 award.
   2. If you choose to use your 2022 data to be considered for the 2023 award, please note you must still complete the Supplemental Survey that follows.
   3. If you are a first-time applicant or have experienced significant changes in your school or district, please complete the Comprehensive Survey. Please note that the Comprehensive Survey includes the Supplemental Survey referenced above.

Please address each survey question as honestly, thoughtfully, and completely as possible; incomplete applications may impact our ability to understand your information and qualify your district or school for an award.

All responses to the survey are confidential. The survey, its content and any related communication are private and are reviewed by the research and project team at The NAMM Foundation. Questions may be directed to: info@nammfoundation.org.

The survey will be available until January 31, 2023. To begin, click on the word "NEXT" below.
This survey will take approximately 30-45 minutes to complete online. We encourage you to go to
The NAMM Foundation website to print out a copy of the survey PDF, and gather all of the data
before you begin entering information.

Here are the simple instructions for filling out your survey:

1. Some questions are required, while others have been made optional. Required questions are
    marked with an asterisk*. Note, however, that it is in your best interest to complete as many items
    as possible. Questions left unanswered can affect your overall score. Applications left incomplete
    will not be in our final tabulations.

2. If you'd like to leave the survey at any time, just click the "EXIT THE SURVEY" button located at
    the top right hand side of the page. As long as you are on the SAME COMPUTER and your
    browser's cookies are enabled, you will be able to return to your survey in progress. Your responses
    will be saved and you can continue where you left off or edit your previous responses.

3. Make sure that you complete the brief audit at the conclusion of this survey.

4. Survey responses are submitted for consideration when the "SUBMIT" button is clicked on the
    last page. Do not select this button until you are ready to submit the final application.

If you have any questions, please contact our Technical Assistance team at
nammsurvey@gmail.com. Questions will be answered as soon as possible.

Thank you again for your participation!
* 1. This survey is specifically for those who are applying on behalf of a school and wish to be considered to receive the SupportMusic Merit Award designation.

Are you filling out the correct survey?

☐ Yes  ☐ No
2023 NAMM Foundation SMMA Survey

Survey Checklist

The SupportMusic Merit Award survey is designed to be completed by applicants who are familiar with their school's music education program and have access to school data. To prevent duplicate entries, schools should assign ONE PERSON to complete the survey.

* 2. All of the following information is REQUIRED to fill out this survey. Please confirm that you have access to the required data by checking the boxes. (All of the boxes must be checked for you to proceed.)

- [ ] Student demographics
- [ ] Teacher qualifications
- [ ] Teacher/student ratio
- [ ] Standards for assessing music education
- [ ] Music education participation rates
- [ ] Music facilities
- [ ] Music education and/or fine arts requirements for graduation or as required by curriculum
- [ ] Budget
- [ ] Knowledge of music education electives

* 3. Which affiliation best describes your position for completing this survey?

- [ ] Fine arts or music supervisor
- [ ] Music teacher
- [ ] Board of Education member
- [ ] Principal/school administrator
- [ ] Central office administrator
- [ ] Superintendent
- [ ] Other (please specify)

* 4. Based on my access to information and knowledge of school programs, I am qualified to complete this survey on behalf of my school.

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No
Contact Person Information (As the individual filling out this form for your school, please provide the following information about yourself):

(Please note, our ability to reach you by telephone may be important during our audit of the survey data. We will not use your numbers for any other purpose. For e-mail address DO NOT put a website address or URL.)

PLEASE FILL OUT ALL BLANKS AND BE AS ACCURATE AS POSSIBLE.

* 5. Your Contact Information

Applicant's First Name
Applicant's Last Name
Applicant's Daytime Phone
Applicant's Evening Phone
Applicant's Email Address
Please Verify Email Address
* 6. Your School's Address--this information needs to match your website, as it will be used in our official announcements

   The legal name of your School (no abbreviations)

   The legal name of your District, if applicable (no abbreviations)

   Address

   Address 2

   City/Town

   State/Province -- select state --

   9-Number Zip Code

   District Phone Number

   You can find your 9-digit zip code here: Zip+ Lookup

* 7. Your School Administrator's Contact Information

   Name

   Title

   Address

   Address 2

   City/Town

   State -- select state --

   ZIP Code

   Email Address

   Phone Number

8. School Website (if available):
To apply for the 2023 SMMA award, you have two options. You may either:

1. use data from last year and complete a required Supplemental Survey. You may only choose this option if there are NO significant changes from your program from last year; completion of the supplemental survey is required. OR
2. complete the Comprehensive Survey, which includes the Supplemental Survey. You may choose this option if you are a first-time applicant or if there are significant changes to music education in your district or school.

* 9. Please select one response below; you will be directed to next steps either to complete the Comprehensive Survey or to use your previous data and complete only the Supplemental Survey (You will be linked directly to one of either the Comprehensive or Supplemental Survey.)

NOTE: selection for the award is not guaranteed for either new or repeat participants.

- [ ] I affirm that there have not been significant changes in music education in my district from last year and request that The NAMM Foundation uses data submitted last year along with information provided in the following Supplemental Survey to review eligibility for recognition.

- [ ] I would like to complete both the Comprehensive and Supplemental Surveys because I am a first-time applicant, or I have new data that accurately reflects music learning opportunities in my district. The Comprehensive Survey and Supplemental Survey will be reviewed for eligibility for recognition.
* 10. Approximately what percentage of students in your school qualify for Title I Support?

- 0-24%
- 25-49%
- 50-74%
- 75-100%

11. Does your school use Title I funds to support music education learning for all children?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

12. Has your school received Title IV, Part A funds that are available from US Department of Education funding to support well-rounded education, including music education?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know
* 13. Approximately how many students are enrolled in your school?  

[ ]
14. Does your school provide the following for your teachers to attend MUSIC-SPECIFIC professional development opportunities?

- [ ] Release Time
- [ ] Funding (partial or full)
- [ ] Other (please specify)

15. What percentage of your music educators are able to attend MUSIC-SPECIFIC professional development opportunities each year?

- [ ] 0-10%
- [ ] 11-30%
- [ ] 31-50%
- [ ] 51% or more

16. What percentage of your music educators have a graduate degree?

- [ ] 0-10%
- [ ] 11-30%
- [ ] 31-50%
- [ ] 51% or more

17. Provide up to three examples of innovative, interdisciplinary collaborations that include music integration.

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3. 
* 18. In the last year, which of these stakeholders attended at least one concert in your school?

- Board of Education
- Building Administrators/Principals
- Central Office Administrators
- Classroom Teachers
- Community Members
- Parents
- School Foundation
- Students

* 19. On the whole, which of the following groups have taken action in support of music education in your school in the last year?

- Board of Education
- Building Administrators/Principals
- Central Office Administrators
- Classroom Teachers
- Community Members
- Parents
- School Foundation
- Students
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Community Opportunities

* 20. In the last year, have music groups from your school performed at regional, state, or national music conferences?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Other (please specify)

* 21. In the past year, have you had students participate in:
   - All-City/District
   - All-State
   - National-level competition
   - Honor performing groups
   - None of the above
   - Other (please specify)

* 22. Does your community provide performance opportunities (out of school) for students to play or perform (e.g., youth orchestra, city band)?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Unsure

* 23. Does your community provide a variety of concerts and other live performances for students to attend and observe?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Unsure
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Funding

* 24. What is the total amount that the district allocates for music teachers to spend on their educational program? (whole numbers only)

* 25. In the past year, have funding cuts for your program disproportionately compromised student access to a high quality music education?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

26. If yes, please explain.

* 27. Given the current financial climate, please describe how music is faring in your school.

* 28. Do you conduct music-specific fundraising?

- Yes
- No
- Unsure
* 29. What percentage of your music-specific fundraising is targeted to program enhancements?
   - 1 - 25%
   - 26 - 50%
   - 51 - 75%
   - 76 - 100%
   - We do not use fundraising for program enhancements
   - Unsure

* 30. What percentage of your music-specific fundraising is targeted to program basics?
   - 1 - 25%
   - 26 - 50%
   - 51 - 75%
   - 76 - 100%
   - We do not use fundraising for program enhancements
   - Unsure
Your response to the next question will take you to the corresponding section of the survey.

* 31. I am applying on behalf of:
   ○ An elementary school
   ○ A middle school
   ○ A high school
Answer the following questions about your elementary schools.

* 32. How many students are in your school?

* 33. How many certified music educators do you have delivering instruction in your school?

* 34. In your school, who provides music instruction? (Answer every row)

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* 35. On average, how many minutes per week of music education is required in your school?

- ○ 0-29
- ○ 30-39
- ○ 40-49
- ○ 50-59
- ○ An hour or more
- ○ N/a

* 36. At what grade do you begin music education instruction, taught by a music specialist (rather than the classroom teacher)?

[ ]
* 37. How often does the typical elementary music class meet?

- Daily
- Less often than once a week
- Multiple times per week
- Don't know
- Once a week
- Other (please specify)

* 38. What percentage of your music classes are taught:

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* 39. What percentage of your elementary school students have an opportunity to perform music before an audience each year?

- 0-24%
- 25-49%
- 50-74%
- 75-99%
- All of them
2023 NAMM Foundation SMMA Survey

Elementary - Opportunity

* 40. Which of the following experiences are offered in your school? (check only one box per course)

- [ ] Beginning Band
- [ ] Choral Ensemble
- [ ] Drum Ensemble
- [ ] Enrichment Choir
- [ ] General Music
- [ ] Piano/Keyboard
- [ ] Popular Music
- [ ] Beginning Strings

41. List up to 5 opportunities for elementary students to participate in music education in your community, outside the school day:

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42. List up to 5 community opportunities for elementary students to participate in music outside the typical school year (e.g., summer, school breaks):

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5. 
* 43. To what extent are elementary students with disabilities integrated into music classes with their grade-level peers?

- Always
- Usually
- Sometimes
- Rarely
- Never

* 44. Is music provided to self-contained classes of elementary students with severe disabilities?

- Yes
- No
- N/A
- Don’t Know
* 45. How many of the instruments provided by your school meet or exceed the quality generally understood to be that of undamaged "student line" instruments?

- All
- Most
- Some
- A few
- None

* 46. How many of your instrument/equipment inventory needs to be updated to keep up with maintenance lags, or the pace of changing technologies?

- All
- Most
- Some
- A few
- None

* 47. Does your school have separate spaces for music instruction and music performance?

- Yes
- No

* 48. Does your school have performance venues large enough to accommodate the largest music group taught?

- Yes
- No

* 49. Do your groups have access to high-quality performance venues at least once a year to enable them to present academic achievements to the public?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know
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Elementary - Standards Based Learning & Curriculum

* 50. Which of the following do students in your school purposefully do in music classes, each year?

☐ Creating Music - Imagining (I.e., generating music ideas for various purposes/contexts)

☐ Creating Music - Planning & Making (I.e., selecting and developing music ideas)

☐ Creating Music - Evaluating & Refining Musical Ideas

☐ Creating Music - Presenting (I.e., sharing musical compositions or improvisations with others)

☐ Performing Music - Selecting (I.e., selecting varied musical works to present)

☐ Performing Music - Analyzing

☐ Performing Music - Interpreting Musical Ideas

☐ Performing Music - Rehearsing/Evaluating/Refining Persona or Ensemble Performances

☐ Performing Music - Presenting (sharing solo or ensemble performances with others)

☐ Responding to Music - Selecting (I.e., selecting music for a specific purpose or context)

☐ Responding to Music - Analyzing

☐ Responding to Music - Interpreting

☐ Responding to Music - Evaluating (students on music making or the music making of others)

☐ None of these

* 51. Which of the following technologies are being used in your music education classrooms:

☐ Music writing software

☐ Online Music Curriculum & Instruction

☐ Music Education apps

☐ None

☐ Other (please specify)

☐
* 52. Over the course of an academic year, to what extent is music from a variety of cultures explored in your music curriculum

- [ ] About once a week
- [ ] A few times a month
- [ ] Once a month
- [ ] Once a quarter
- [ ] Once a year
- [ ] Don't know - N/A
Answer the following questions about your middle schools.

* 53. How many students are in your school?

* 54. How many certified music educators do you have delivering instruction in your school?

* 55. In your school, who provides music instruction? (Answer every row)

![Table]

* 56. Over the course of a school year, what percentage of students in your school are enrolled in a music class?

○ 0-10%  ○ 31-40%

○ 11-20%  ○ 41-50%

○ 21-30%  ○ 51% or more
* 57. How often does your typical music class meet?
- Daily
- Multiple times per week
- Once a week
- Less often than once a week
- Don't know
- Other (please specify)

* 58. How long is a typical music class?
- 0-30 minutes
- 31-45 minutes
- 46-59 minutes
- 60 minutes or more

* 59. Approximately what percentage of Title 1 students participate in your music programs?
- 0-20%
- 21-40%
- 41-60%
- 61-80%
- 81-100%
- Don't know

* 60. What percentage of your students have an opportunity to perform music before an audience each year?
- 0-25%
- 26-50%
- 51-75%
- 76-99%
- All of them
* 61. Which of the following experiences are offered in your school? (check only one box per course)

- [] Alternative Styles
- [] Chamber Group Small Ensemble
- [] Choral Ensemble
- [] Composition/Arranging
- [] Concert Band
- [] General Music
- [] Gospel Choir
- [] Guitar
- [ ] Other (please specify)

* 62. Do your students have access to private or small group lessons as part of their schedule?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

63. If yes, these opportunities are:

- [ ] Fully funded by the district
- [ ] Partially funded/subsidized by the district
- [ ] Paid for by the student
- [ ] Don't know - N/A
64. List up to 5 opportunities for middle school students to participate in music education in your community, outside the school day:

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65. List up to 5 community opportunities for middle school students to participate in music outside the typical school year (e.g., summer, school breaks):

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* 66. To what extent are middle school students with disabilities integrated into music classes with their grade-level peers?

- Always
- Usually
- Sometimes
- Rarely
- Never

* 67. Is music provided to self-contained classes of middle school students with severe disabilities?

- Yes
- No
- N/A
- Don't Know
**2023 NAMM Foundation SMMA Survey**

**Middle School - Physical Capacity**

* 68. How many of the instruments provided by school meet or exceed the quality generally understood to be that of undamaged, high quality "student line" instruments?
   - All
   - Most
   - Some
   - A few
   - None

* 69. How much of your instrument/equipment inventory needs to be updated to keep up with maintenance lags, or the pace of changing technologies?
   - All
   - Most
   - Some
   - A few
   - None

* 70. Provide an example of instruments you provide to middle school students that support non-traditional and/or non-Western music forms. This could include West African drums, ukuleles, etc.

* 71. Does your school have separate spaces for music instruction and music performance?
   - Yes
   - No

* 72. Does your school have adequate performance venues with appropriate properties of lighting, secure storage, and sound?
   - Yes
   - Don't Know
   - No
* 73. Do your groups have access to high-quality performance venues at least once a year to enable them to present academic achievements to the public/the entire school population?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

* 74. Do you have separate, individual areas that accommodate small ensembles or individual rehearsals and/or assessment?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know
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Middle School - Standards Based Learning & Curriculum

* 75. Which of the following do your students purposefully do in music classes, each year?

- Creating Music - Imagining (I.e., generating music ideas for various purposes/contexts)
- Creating Music - Planning & Making (I.e., selecting and developing music ideas)
- Creating Music - Evaluating & Refining Musical Ideas
- Creating Music - Presenting (I.e., sharing musical compositions or improvisations with others)
- Performing Music - Selecting (I.e., selecting varied musical works to present)
- Performing Music - Analyzing Musical Ideas
- Performing Music - Interpreting Musical Ideas
- Performing Music - Rehearsing/Evaluating/Refining Solo or Ensemble Performances
- Performing Music - Presenting (sharing solo or ensemble performances with others)
- Responding to Music - Selecting (I.e., selecting music for a specific purpose or context)
- Responding to Music - Analyzing
- Responding to Music - Interpreting
- Responding to Music - Evaluating (students on music making or the music making of others)
- None of these

* 76. Which of the following technologies are being used in your music education classrooms:

- Music writing software
- Music Education apps
- Other (please specify)
- Online Music Curriculum & Instruction
- None
* 77. Over the course of an academic year, to what extent is music from a variety of cultures explored in your music curriculum?

- [ ] About once a week
- [ ] A few times a month
- [ ] Once a month
- [ ] Once a quarter
- [ ] Once a year
- [ ] Don't know - N/A
Answer the following questions about your High School schools.

* 78. How many students are in your school?

* 79. How many certified music educators do you have delivering instruction in your school?

* 80. In your school, who provides music instruction? (Answer every row)

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* 81. Over the course of a school year, what percentage of students in your high school are enrolled in a music class?

- □ 0-7%
- □ 8-14%
- □ 15-21%
- □ 22-28%
- □ 29-35%
- □ 36-42%
- □ 43% or more
* 82. How often does the typical music class meet?
- Daily
- Less often than once a week
- Multiple times per week
- Don't know
- Once a week
- Other (please specify)

* 83. How long is a typical music class (during the school day)?
- 0-30 minutes
- 31-45 minutes
- 46-59 minutes
- 60 minutes or more

* 84. Approximately what percentage of high school Title 1 students participate in your music programs?
- 0-20%
- 21-40%
- 41-60%
- 61-80%
- 81-100%
- Don’t know

* 85. What percentage of your students have an opportunity to perform music before an audience each year?
- 0-25%
- 26-50%
- 51-75%
- 76-99%
- All of them
* 86. Which of the following experiences are offered in your school? (check only one box per course)

- Alternative Styles
- Chamber Group Small Ensemble
- Choral Ensemble
- Composition/Arranging
- Concert Band
- General Music
- Gospel Choir
- Guitar
- Jazz Ensemble
- Marching Band
- Other (please specify)

* 87. Do high school students have access to private or small group lessons as part of their schedule

- Yes
- No

88. If yes, these opportunities are:

- Fully funded by the district
- Partially funded/subsidized by the district
- Paid for by the student
- Don't know - N/A
89. List up to 5 opportunities for high school students to participate in music education in your community, outside the school day:

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- Always
- Usually
- Sometimes
- Rarely
- Never

* 92. Is music provided to self-contained classes of high school students with severe disabilities?

- Yes
- No
- N/A
- Don't Know

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High School - Physical Capacity

* 93. How many of the instruments provided by your school are of high quality?

- All
- Most
- Some
- A few
- None

* 94. How much of your instrument/equipment inventory needs to be updated to keep up with maintenance lags, or the pace of changing technologies?

- All
- Most
- Some
- A few
- None

* 95. Provide an example of instruments you provide to high school students that support non-traditional and/or non-Western music forms. This could include West African drums, ukuleles, etc.


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- Yes
- No

* 97. Does your school have adequate performance venues with appropriate properties of lighting, secure storage, and sound?

- Yes
- Don’t Know
- No
* 98. Do groups have access to high-quality performance venues at least once a year to enable them to present academic achievements to the public/the entire school population?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

* 99. Do you have separate, individual areas that accommodate small ensembles or individual rehearsals and/or assessment?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know
* 100. Which of the following do students in your school purposefully do in music classes, each year?

☐ Creating Music - Imagining (I.e., generating music ideas for various purposes/contexts)

☐ Creating Music - Planning & Making (I.e., selecting and developing music ideas)

☐ Creating Music - Evaluating & Refining Musical Ideas

☐ Creating Music - Presenting (I.e., sharing musical compositions or improvisations with others)

☐ Performing Music - Selecting (I.e., selecting varied musical works to present)

☐ Performing Music - Analyzing

☐ Performing Music - Interpreting Musical Ideas

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☐ None of these

* 101. Which of the following technologies are being used in your music education classrooms:

☐ Music writing software

☐ Music Education websites

☐ Music Education apps

☐ None

☐ Other (please specify)
* 102. Over the course of an academic year, to what extent is music from a variety of cultures explored in your music curriculum

- □ About once a week
- □ A few times a month
- □ Once a month
- □ Once a quarter
- □ Once a year
- □ Don't know - N/A

* 103. Is there a fine arts requirement for graduation in your school?

- □ Yes
- □ No
- □ Don't know

* 104. If yes, what percentage of students fulfill their fine arts requirement through music courses?

- □ 0-19%
- □ 20-39%
- □ 40-59%
- □ 60-79%
- □ 80-99%
- □ All of them
- □ Don't know
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Supplemental Survey 2023

Please note that your responses to the questions on this Supplemental Survey will not be scored. We are gathering these data for reporting purposes only. Thank you for your participation!

* 105. What years can beginning students participate for the first time in (mark all that are appropriate):

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106. If you checked "Other," please specify:


107. Which of the following instruments do you have available to your students?

- [ ] Guitar
- [ ] Ukulele
- [ ] African/Ethnic Drums
- [ ] Keyboard
- [ ] Mariachi
- [ ] We don't have any alternative instruments available.
- [ ] Other (please specify)


* 108. What steps has your district taken to involve students in music who were not previously involved?

* 109. What issues have you encountered when involving new students in music?

110. If your district received Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relieve (ESSER) funds, please share how funds were used to support music education throughout the district.

* 111. In this post-COVID academic year, is support for your program:

- Decreasing
- At or near the same
- Expanding

112. Feel free to share additional information on program support.
The following questions are optional, and will not affect your score, but they can provide us with valuable information regarding the impact of the SMMA designation. (Please limit each response to approximately **1000 characters or fewer**.)

**113. If your community received this designation in the past, did the designation help to advance support for your music education program?**

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No
- [ ] I don't know

**114. If yes, please outline how (i.e. sustained or expanded budget for music education, helped stop or reduce staff or funding cutbacks, etc.).**

**115. Did you use the PR Toolkit and supporting materials?**

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No
- [ ] I don't know

**116. If yes, please share how you used these materials?**

**117. Please list the music service and retailers your school/district works with.**
118. If awarded, are you interested in working with your music service organization to coordinate a certificate celebration?
   - Yes
   - No

119. If yes, can they contact you directly to coordinate the presentation?
   - Yes
   - No

These three essay questions are optional, but your responses can contribute to your final score and ranking for the SupportMusic Merit Award designation list. It is possible to obtain up to 50 points for each response. As such, we highly encourage your responses to the following questions. (Please limit each response to approximately 1000 characters or fewer.)

120. Please include any additional information related to your school’s music programs or instructors that has not already been covered in the previous questions. (Optional)

121. Please describe how your community supports your school’s music education program. (Optional)

122. As a spokesperson for your school’s program(s), what uniquely qualifies it to be designated a “SupportMusic Merit Award” designee. (Optional)

123. Where did you hear about this survey (check all that apply)?
   - [ ] Participated in Previous survey
   - [ ] NAMM Foundation Website
   - [ ] Local Newspaper
   - [ ] Conference
   - [ ] Music Service/Music Products Retailer
   - [ ] National Newspaper or Magazine
   - [ ] Other Survey Partner Website
   - [ ] Received Email
   - [ ] Social Media
   - [ ] Television
   - [ ] Word of Mouth
   - [ ] Other (please specify)

You’re almost done! Click "Next" to complete your survey Verification.
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Application Verification

* 124. I certify that I have the authority to complete this application on behalf of my school.

☐ Yes  ☐ No
* 125. I certify that the information provided here is, to the best of my knowledge, complete and accurate.

☐ Yes  ☐ No
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Redirect to Best Communities for Music Education Award

You have indicated that you intended to fill out the district-level survey (multiple buildings/levels). Please click the link below to be redirected to the district-level survey. Thank you!

Click here to take the district-level survey
Thank you for your interest in the NAMM Foundation’s "SupportMusic Merit Award" initiative. If you are not qualified to complete this survey, we hope that you will contact someone within your school or district who can obtain all of the necessary information.

Please click "EXIT THIS SURVEY" in the upper right hand corner now.
Thank you very much for taking the time to fill out our application in a thoughtful and complete manner! Efforts like this are important not only to recognize and celebrate the wonderful music education going on in our schools and communities, but also to help The NAMM Foundation tell the story of the importance of music education across the nation.

Remember not to hit the "SUBMIT" button until all of your answers are complete. You may "EXIT THE SURVEY" (upper right hand corner) and return to the survey at a later time if you need to gather more information. Just remember to complete the survey from the same computer.

If you have any questions, please contact our Technical Assistance team at nammsurvey@gmail.com. Questions will be answered as soon as possible.