



**NEBRASKA STATE BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION  
“Nate Metschke Creative Teacher Award”**

Nate Metschke taught in Neligh-Oakdale from 2001-2018, passing away from cancer at the age of 40. Metschke was well known for his joyful spirit and constant, positive attitude. He was a very creative teacher as well. He founded the Neligh Oakdale 5th + 6th grade honor band, which grew to around 600 participants annually. Many of his students participated in online lessons, and he was consistently exposing students to new opportunities.

This award is to recognize one outstanding, creative, teacher each year. Nominees must have at least 8 years of teaching experience. Nominations will remain active for 5 years. Please include at least 3 letters of recommendation with this form.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_  
E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
RECOMMENDED BY \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Please use the following criteria as a guide when requesting letters.**

1. Has the candidate shown creativity, originality, and imagination as a band director? Explain.
2. In what ways has the candidate demonstrated by example and deed, the basic principles of an outstanding band director?
3. How has the candidate shown community involvement?
4. How has the candidate fostered the band community, including mentorship and fellowship?
5. List the professional organizations in which the candidate takes part. Include offices held, if any, and individual and group awards.

**Please e-mail your nomination form to the NSBA Awards Chair at [nsba.awards@gmail.com](mailto:nsba.awards@gmail.com) no later than December 20th.**

If you don't have the capabilities to scan in the additional recommendation letters, you can mail them to me at Carrie Jensen, NSBA Awards Chair, 1204 N. 27<sup>th</sup> St., Norfolk, NE 68701.