



## CAS High School “Heart of the Arts” Award Nomination - 2025

The deadline for returning the completed nomination to CAS is November 15, 2024.

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In conjunction with the NFHS (National Federation of High Schools), CAS is pleased to open nominations for the 2025 “Heart of the Arts Award.”

The nominee could be any student, adult or group associated with the school’s performing arts program. This award covers a plethora of performing arts disciplines including music, speech, debate, theatre and visual arts.

This award seeks to recognize those individuals who exemplify the ideals of education-based visual or performing arts. The award may be given in recognition of a specific act or for an activity of longer duration.

For example, it could be awarded to an individual (or group) that:

- ★ has demonstrated exemplary ‘heart’ – i.e., integrity, citizenship, good character - in the chosen activity;
- ★ has exceeded normal expectations in assisting others within the school or community; or
- ★ has overcome adversity or a challenging circumstance.

In the instance of a student, that student must be in good academic standing within his or her respective high school. Among the qualifying criteria that will be judged are the student’s grade point average along with activity and community involvement. Candidates should possess positive character traits such as a high level of integrity and ethics.

The nomination must be for something that occurred between January 2024 and November 2024. Nominated individuals do not necessarily need to still be enrolled in high school at the time of the nomination.

**This nomination form is the primary criterion in the nomination process. Support materials are welcome, but not required. Please also submit a color photograph of the nominee(s).**

Nominations received by November 15, 2024, will be judged by the CAS Performing Arts Committee. The winner will be recognized at the Arts Awards Ceremony in the spring. Schools

may nominate as many candidates that they deem qualified. Simply complete the attached two-page nomination form.

Inquires can be made to Cherese Odukwe at CAS, 203-250-1111 or via email at [codukwe@casciac.org](mailto:codukwe@casciac.org)

**Email or mail completed nominations to:**

**CAS “Heart of the Arts” Award  
Attn: Cherese Odukwe  
30 Realty Drive  
Cheshire, CT 06410**

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## NOMINEE INFORMATION (check one):

Student     Coach     Administrator     Official     Trainer

Performing Arts Administrator     Athletic Administrator

Other (*Specify* \_\_\_\_\_)

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(first, middle, last)*

Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(street address)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(city, state, zip)*

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

School (*if any*): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

## INDIVIDUAL SUBMITTING NOMINATION:

Name of Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

## Nomination Form – page 2

1. Please describe nominee’s current involvement in high school. If applicable, please list any accomplishments or honors attained.

2. Please list nominee’s actions or accomplishments that deem him or her worthy of the “CAS Heart of the Arts Award.”