

The American Bandmasters Association: Alton Adams Legacy Recognition

The American Bandmasters Association (ABA) has established the Alton Adams Legacy Recognition to honor the contributions of conductors, directors, and composers who have not yet been formally recognized by the ABA.

Eligibility Criteria

- Status: Nominees must be retired or deceased.
- Exclusions: Current or former ABA members are not eligible for this recognition.

Nomination Procedures

- Submission: Any ABA member may nominate a candidate by submitting a written recommendation and comprehensive supporting materials to the Chair of the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Access (IDEA) Committee.
- Deadline: Submissions must be received by August 1 of the year of consideration.
- Standards: Nominees should be distinguished by long, successful careers and significant contributions to the wind band profession. Supporting documentation should be detailed and extensive.

Evaluation and Selection Process

- Initial Review: The IDEA Committee will evaluate whether the nominee's work as a conductor, director, or composer aligns with the standards, ideals, and mission of the ABA.
- Supplemental achievements in administration, education, or community leadership will also be considered.
- Committee Review: If the nomination is deemed meritorious, it will be forwarded to a select committee of seven members:
 - Three members from the IDEA Committee (selected by the Chair).
 - Three members appointed by the ABA President.
 - The President-Elect (serving as Committee Chair).
- Final Approval: The Select Committee will provide recommendations to the Board of Directors.
- Approved nominees will then be sent to the Nominating Committee for final consideration.

Recognition

Awardees' names and biographical information will be permanently archived on the ABA website. When possible, awardees or their descendants may be invited to receive this recognition—either virtually or in person (at their own expense)—during the spring ABA convention.