

Friends of Music Therapy Award

What: An award presented by the Southwestern Region of the American Music Therapy Association for the purpose of recognizing outstanding support for the profession of music therapy. The acknowledgement will be a framed, specially designed certificate, and a letter from the regional board, with a copy sent to the recipient's supervisor, when appropriate.

Who: Any professional outside the field of music therapy who has shown exceptional support for the profession of music therapy, as determined by the criteria listed below, and nominated by a current member of the Southwestern Region.

When: This annual award will be presented at the regional spring conference, with a maximum of three awards per year.

Criteria: The characteristics of a Friend of Music Therapy should include the following:

- 1) Long-term commitment to persons with special needs.
- 2) Demonstrated interest in innovative programming for such persons.
- 3) Demonstrated effort to understand music therapy and how it is utilized and practiced.
- 4) Active involvement with at least one music therapist in creating quality programming.
- 5) Providing professional inspiration to music therapists through example, motivation, and/or partnership.

Nominations should be in the form of a letter describing the work of the nominee. Supporting documentation is not required but would be helpful for the decision making process. **Deadline for nominations is March 1, 2012.** Letters of nomination should be mailed to: Kathleen Coleman, 3360 Spruce Lane, Grapevine, TX 76051 or via e-mail to: kaseyy@mac.com.