



**MUSIC EDUCATION  
INNOVATOR AWARD**

**<< This document is only to be used to help you prep your answers. >>**

**Please complete the online form at**

<https://www.giveanote.org/initiatives/music-education-innovator-award/>

**General Info**

1. Name, Title
2. Years you've worked as a full time teacher in a school setting
3. Name of the school where you primarily lead music instruction.
4. School address
5. School NCES ID (You can find it here:  
<https://nces.ed.gov/ccd/schoolsearch/>)
6. Principal info
7. School student enrollment numbers (year 19/20)
8. We want to learn more about the innovative program you guide in your music classroom(s). What can we call it? *The name of your innovative program is likely different from the name of your school music program. Ex: Your school program may be Smithtown Modern Band, but your Innovative Program is "Marketing and Promotion for the Modern Day Artist".*
9. Your music program enrollment info (for years 17/18, 18/19, 19/20)
10. Please provide a short, impactful 1-3 sentence summary of your program.

**Community Benefit**

Give A Note is committed to supporting creative, impactful, and sustainable programs in public school music classrooms.

We do that, in part, by grounding all our grant programs in community benefit. We define "**Community Benefit**" as a teacher's ability to **meaningfully engage their students, parents, the school, and members of the geographic area in which it's located.**

Please keep this in mind as you provide your responses to the following questions.

1. Describe the student community your program seeks to engage. What are the cultural interests, socio-economic statuses, and other identities that influence how your program is designed?
2. How has your program evolved? How do you respond to your students' changing needs and interests? Provide specific examples if possible.
3. How do you ensure that your program is accessible and welcoming to your community (students, parents, admin, etc.)?

### **Innovation**

While keeping your program's Community Benefit in mind, the following questions specifically address your program's innovation. Give A Note defines "**Innovation**" as a **quality music program that inspires and challenges students outside traditional music curriculum.**

1. Provide an example of how your program inspires students, their parents, and/or other members of the community to think creatively and/or differently.
2. Describe how your program prepares students for life outside of school and makes connections to other disciplines. What activities take place that go beyond preparing students for concerts or listening to recorded music?
3. How is your program attracting and engaging students not previously enrolled in music programs? What does the program offer to increase future enrollment?
4. What are the steps you take to reflect upon and improve your program?

### **Program Capacity**

This section is about your Program Capacity. While important, it's not weighted as heavily in our review process.

Give A Note defines "**Program Capacity**" as a teacher's ability to **successfully plan for, manage existing programming, and inspire other teachers across the country through its program.**

1. What is your current program budget? (Write the \$ amount here that you're working with for the 2019-20 school year.)
2. List your current sources of funding. (District funding, PTA, bake sales, Donorschoose.org, etc.)
3. Give A Note's grant awards are currently in the amount of \$4000. Please tell us how this funding will impact your student participants in the your program.
4. What type of documentation do you have for your program? (Examples: lesson plans, toolkits, contacts)
5. Please provide an example of how you can (or have) use(d) one of the above listed documentation pieces to inspire and influence other teachers around the country.