

RUGGERO PIANO TEACHER MERIT AWARD

The Ruggeros have long recognized the value of music in our society. In generous support of the music educators of Raleigh Piano Teachers Association, Richard and Deborah Ruggero have established the "Ruggero Piano Teacher Merit Award." The recipient is chosen annually from nominated applicants and receives an award of \$500. The Ruggero Piano Teacher Merit Award recognizes an individual teacher who has made a difference in students' lives, has contributed to the advancement of music in their community, and has made significant contributions to RPTA, NCMTA, and/or MTNA. An applicant may be nominated by any RPTA member. The application form along with any supporting documents must be submitted in duplicate to the current RPTA President postmarked by December 31. The following items are examples of the type of documents that should be submitted with the application.

1. Teaching/professional achievements, and number of years teaching experience
2. Evidence of teaching excellence
3. Accomplishments/contributions to RPTA, NCMTA, and/or MTNA
4. Community involvement
5. Former student or parent letter of support
6. Professional colleague letter of support
7. Letter of recommendation from the nominating RPTA member

NOMINATION FOR THE RUGGERO PIANO TEACHER MERIT AWARD

Name of nominee: _____

Mailing address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

RPTA member submitting the nominee: _____

Mailing address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please return this application with supporting materials to the current RPTA President