



# AMERICAN FEDERATION OF MUSICIANS

OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA

## 2026 AFM Diversity Awards

### President's Local Award Application

#### About

The Presidents' Local Award is awarded to the local that demonstrates diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) via a diverse Executive Board, articles in the Local's newsletter, a Local diversity committee, and/or events sponsored by the Local that demonstrate diversity in various genres of music.

#### Eligibility

Nominees must:

- Be a Local that has not previously won the Presidents' Local Award;
- Demonstrate a clear commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) via Executive Board representation, articles in the Local's newsletter, DEI committee activity, and/or events in various genres of music;
- Have made a notable impact on musicians from underrepresented or marginalized communities.

#### Award Presentation

Winners will be recognized at the 103rd AFM Convention. Each awardee will receive:

- A commemorative plaque presented at the AFM Convention;
- An all-expenses-paid trip to attend the AFM Convention, including travel, lodging, and registration;
- Recognition in AFM publications and on official communication channels.

#### Nomination Instructions

Please complete this application and submit all materials by February 27, 2026, and submit to AFM International President Tino Gagliardi at [presoffice@afm.org](mailto:presoffice@afm.org).

Locals may self-nominate or be nominated by another AFM member or a committee.



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## AFM Local Information

AFM Local #: \_\_\_\_\_

Charter Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Was this Local Segregated and Merged (*and if so, in what year did it merge*)?: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name (*President or Secretary/Treasurer*): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State / Province: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip / Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Media: \_\_\_\_\_



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### Additional Award Information for AFM Locals

Please provide the following supporting materials and documentation. Each item should be clearly labeled and submitted on a separate sheet or as an attachment.

#### 1. Executive Board Information

Attach a list of your Local's Executive Board members, including:

- Name and position
- Date each member joined the AFM

#### 2. Diversity Articles

Submit any articles related to diversity published in your Local's newsletter or other official communications.

#### 3. Advocating Diversity

On a separate sheet, describe the diversity of your Executive Board. You may include demographic, professional, or artistic diversity, as well as efforts to promote inclusive representation in leadership.

#### 4. Outreach to Specific Genre(s)

Provide information about your Local's outreach to or recognition of specific musical genres or ensembles, particularly those historically underrepresented in union activities.

#### 5. Plan for Future Diversity Efforts

Submit three (3) paragraphs outlining your Local's plans to further celebrate and strengthen diversity in the future. Include goals, strategies, or upcoming initiatives.

#### 6. Outreach Programs for Youth

Provide details of past or planned youth initiatives, such as mentorships, educational programs, or collaborations designed to engage young and emerging musicians.

#### 7. Active Participation in AFL-CIO or CLC (Canada)

Explain how your Local actively participates in your regional AFL-CIO or Canadian Labour Congress (CLC) body, including events, committees, or coalition work related to diversity and inclusion.