



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.

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*)?: _____

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.