

# Chorus America Brazeal Wayne Dennard Award



## DESCRIPTION

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The Chorus America Brazeal Wayne Dennard Award honors the life and achievements of educator, conductor, and arranger Brazeal Dennard. This award recognizes individuals or organizations whose work builds on Dennard's commitment to diversity, inclusiveness, and furthering African American choral traditions and other diverse choral music traditions through performance, research, or the creation of new compositions of significance.

The funding that has created this award has been provided by individual donors who worked closely with Brazeal Dennard, and who continue to benefit from what they learned from him over a career that spanned more than 60 years. The establishment of this award is in keeping with Chorus America's goal to celebrate those that intentionally include diverse perspectives and approaches in their work. [Click here for more information about Brazeal Dennard.](#)

This award will be given periodically in recognition of a member chorus or individual for their efforts specifically in the areas of:

- Diversity and inclusiveness, and/or
- Furthering diverse music traditions, particularly African-American music traditions

The award will recognize one or more of the following activities:

- Performance
- Recordings or other methods of dissemination
- Research
- Creation of new compositions of significance

The winner receives an engraved plaque and a cash prize of \$2,500.

## ELIGIBILITY

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Applicants must be members of Chorus America and may be individual or chorus members. Individuals or choruses may self-nominate for this award.

Recipients of this award will be eligible to reapply in three years.

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## DEADLINE AND HOW TO APPLY

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The deadline to submit via the Chorus America Application Portal is Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 5PM ET.

A. Prepare a statement (no more than three pages) that discusses the following:

- Describe why the nominated chorus or individual meets the criteria for the Brazeal Wayne Dennard Award.
- Describe how this award will benefit the chorus, individual, or field. Please be as specific as possible.
- If nominating a chorus, please include organizational goals, constituency served, staffing, and partners as it relates to the organization's commitment to diversity and inclusivity.
- If nominating an individual, please include an overview of the individual's career as well as specific examples as to why he/she is qualified for the award.

Applications will only be accepted through CAAP: [apply.chorusamerica.org](http://apply.chorusamerica.org).