



**Latin Music Educator Award presented by
The Latin Recording Academy[®] and the Latin GRAMMY Cultural Foundation[®]**

Latin Music Educators play an integral role in shaping the careers of their students, profoundly influencing the future of Latin music. Despite their significant contributions, their efforts often go unrecognized. The Latin Music Educator Award was established to recognize one outstanding current educator, kindergarten through high school, who has made a significant contribution to incorporate Latin music in their classrooms and has demonstrated a commitment to his/her school, students and community. One outstanding Latin Music Educator will be selected as the recipient of this award to be presented at the annual Special Awards Presentation. The winner will receive an all-expenses paid trip for them and one guest to attend the Special Awards Presentation and the 27th Annual Latin GRAMMY Awards[®] in Las Vegas, their school will receive a \$10,000 musical instrument donation to support the school's music program.

Eligibility:

- Open to current, full-time educators who teach and incorporate Latin music in their classroom and preserve its rich heritage and culture.
- Music educators who teach any grades from kindergarten through high school in a public, private or charter school and speak Spanish, Portuguese, English or any native dialect.
- Educators teaching in after-school programs, private studios, or other non-traditional educational settings are not eligible.
- Teachers planning to retire at the end of the current school year are also not eligible.

Selection Process:

- **Submissions and Recommendations:** Open call for nominations and applications. Latin music educators can complete the application themselves or be nominated by someone else.
- **Nominators and applicants** should create a username and password and complete an application in SurveyMonkey Apply by the deadline of **August 3, 2026**
- **Winner** will be contacted on **September 2026**.

Award Presentation:

- The award will be presented during the Special Awards Presentation at the 26th Annual Latin GRAMMY Week.
- The winner and one guest will be flown to Las Vegas to attend the 26th Annual Latin GRAMMY Awards and honored during the Special Awards Presentation.

Calendar:

- Application will be open on **April 14, 2026**.
- Deadline to apply is **August 3, 2026**
- Winner will be contacted by **September 2026**.
- Winner will attend the Special Awards Presentation in Las Vegas in **November 2026**
- Winner will receive 2 tickets to the 27th Annual Latin GRAMMY Awards on **November 12, 2026**

Criteria points that will be evaluated in the applications:

1. Excellence in Teaching
2. Impact on Students and Communities
3. Professional Development and Lifelong Learning
4. Advocacy and Leadership in Music Education
5. Inclusion of Latin Music in his/her curriculum, class, school performances and cultural awareness

Deadline for submitting the application is August 3, 2026

If you have any questions after reviewing the guidelines, please write to lgcf@grammy.com