

**CAJUN FRENCH MUSIC ASSOCIATION  
PLAQUE AWARD GUIDELINES**

**PIONEER AWARD - (TOP AWARD)**

This award is given to a person who has dedicated a minimum of (30) years of his/her life to Cajun French music, French, language, and culture – all the while maintaining a high level of respect in the community. The recipient may be a musician, song writer, teacher, business leader, clergy or announcer

**HERITAGE AWARD**

This award is to encourage songwriters, poets, writers, and the general public to research the history of their culture, not only supplying entertainment but an education as well.

**AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**

This award is to reward the absolute excellence of some musicians at their craft. It is intended for the musicians' musician, the one everyone tries to emulate. This award is for the musicians overwhelming talent in his/her craft.

**APPRECIATION AWARD**

This award is to show appreciation to an individual or entity for their work in promoting the Cajun culture.

**CONTINUING CONTRIBUTION AWARD**

This award is to express CFMA's appreciation to the record companies and DJ's for their work in promoting the Cajun Music.

**NEW DAWN AWARD**

This award is to encourage young people to get involved with CFMA and the Cajun culture, whether it be through music, dancing, the language, the food or the affairs of their chapters. Minimum age is six years old and maximum age is 16 years old, each by August 1<sup>st</sup> of the given year of the Le Cajun Awards and Music Festival.

When nominating someone for any of these Plaque Awards, please do not start with the highest award. Once a person receives the Pioneer Award, he or she has reached the highest level. Start at the bottom and work your way

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National Board meetings are held the first Sunday of each month at La Poussiere Cajun Dance Hall in Breaux Bridge, LA at 9:30 am. (Dates subject to change.)