

Arkansas Bandmasters of the Year

Year	Name	School	
1975	Audra Cowan	Fort Smith	Deceased
1976	Gene Witherspoon	Arkansas Tech University	Deceased
1977	J. Raymond Brandon	North Little Rock	Deceased
1978	H.L. Shepherd	Russellville	
1979	Floyd Pitts	Lincoln	Deceased
1980	Wendell Evanson	Arkadelphia	Deceased
1981	Donald R. Minx	Arkansas State University	Deceased
1982	Curry Martin	Warren	Deceased
1983	Stan Cate	Fort Smith	Deceased
1984	Jon Barbarotto	Newport	Deceased
1985	Russell Langston	University of Central Arkansas	
1986	Eldon Janzen	University of Arkansas	Deceased
1987	Ramey Herren	Springdale	Deceased
1988	Hal Cooper	Arkansas Tech University	
1989	Travis Beard	Russellville	
1990	Richard Peer	Fort Smith	
1991	Pat Ellison	Springdale	Deceased
1992	Paul Gray	Mena	Deceased
1993	Prissy Buchanan	Fort Smith	
1994	Robert Nelson	Mountain Home	Deceased
1995	Julian Herring	Lake Hamilton	
1996	Jerry Ratzlaff	Russellville	Deceased
1997	Julia Reynolds	Russellville	
1998	Mike Croom	Fort Smith	Deceased
1999	Steve Warner	Jonesboro	
2000	John Webb	Benton	
2001	Mike Jones	Van Buren	Deceased
2002	Ed Abbott	Springdale	Deceased
2003	Claude Smith	Searcy	
2004	George Pokorski	Marion	
2005	John Combs	Fort Smith	
2006	Duane Walker	Fort Smith	
2007	Tim Cunningham	Conway	
2008	Ricky Brooks	University of Central Arkansas	
2009	Steve Kesner	Fort Smith	
2010	Joe Trusty	Cabot	
2011	Jan Cunningham	Conway	
2012	Karen Dismuke	North Pulaski	
2013	Sheila Brooks	Conway	
2014	Cathy Williams	West Memphis	
2015	Kevin Taylor	Harmony Grove Benton	
2016	David O. Stuart, Sr.	Magnolia	
2017	Grant Brinkle	Nettleton	
2018	Trey Reely	Riverview	
2019	Gordon Manley	Fort Smith	
2020	Dewayne Dove	Russellville	
2021	Peggy Jeffries	Nettleton	
2022	Greg Bruner	Highland	
2023	Susan Ford	Cabot	
2024	Tom Chentnik	Mountain Home	
2025	Carl L. McCraney, Jr.	Lakeside	