

MSMTA Certification Report 2020

This has been a good year for certification in Montana. We had one member become newly certified in February, 2020, and there have been two new applications from Montana for certification sent in to the national office in April and September. Montana as of March had 127 paid members and 17 nationally certified members, for a 13.4% certification rate. This puts us at #29 nationally. New Hampshire has the highest percentage of certified members at 34.9% and the lowest state is Massachusetts at 7.5%.

I have received a couple requests for help or information. One new applicant requested feedback on her studio policy. I responded with contacts and a couple suggestions. A teacher with students planning to enter college and major in music requested information. I provided information on programs promoting certification and how to navigate the MTNA website. She said it was helpful. I'm going to include some of that information here for anyone who wants to begin the process or knows someone who does. It's just a quick way to get to the main information needed:

“The official online resource for certification is mtna.org. Go to the mtna home page, click on "engage", then "mtna certification program"; scroll down to "get certified", and then click on "learn more", then click on "teacher profile projects". Almost all the resources a student needs to go through the process can be accessed from that page. For piano certification, I would start with "Projects Overview: Piano Overview". On that page, the Piano Teacher Profile Projects Workbook gives a detailed description of what is required. The video recording tips are also extremely helpful.”

Respectfully submitted,
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