



# WASHINGTON STATE ARTS COMMISSION

## Folk Arts Fellowships 2009

### **Application Deadline**

Applications must be postmarked by Friday, April 24, 2009.

### **Fellowship Awards**

These are \$5,000 unrestricted awards. Two awards will be given in 2009. They are not related to the Washington State Arts Commission's Folk Arts Apprenticeship Program or any project grants. They are based solely on recognition of past and continuing merit in maintaining cultural traditions.

### **Purpose**

Traditional folk arts are defined as those artistic practices which have a community base and express that community's heritage. This includes such communities as ethnic, tribal, occupational, regional and religious groups.

### **Eligibility**

WSAC Folk Arts Fellowships are available to traditional artists residing in Washington State.

### **Criteria**

- Traditional significance of the art form.
- Relation of the artist to the community (in most cases the artist must be from the community whose art is practiced).
- Significance of the art form to the community.
- Degree to which the artist is participating in the community as a teacher and/or cultural leader.
- The urgency, especially for preserving endangered art forms.

### **Selection and Announcement Process**

The Folk Arts Program staff will help assemble applications and support materials which will be reviewed by a panel of cultural experts and traditional artists. The panel will meet in May to discuss the applications and make recommendations to the Washington State Arts Commission. Upon approval by the Commission, the recipients will be announced in late May.

### **For More Information**

Contact Willie Smyth, Folk Arts Program Manager, at (360) 586-2856 or [willies@arts.wa.gov](mailto:willies@arts.wa.gov). Visit [www.arts.wa.gov](http://www.arts.wa.gov) for more information about the Folk Arts Program and past Fellowship recipients.

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## Traditional Artist Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security No. \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

To help us better serve you:

Do you have computer access?      Yes    No

Do you have access to the Internet?    Yes    No

(use additional pages as needed)

A. Please describe the traditional art form which you practice:

**Artist Characteristics**  
Please check those that apply.

- Alaskan Native
- American Indian
- Asian American
- Pacific Islander
- Hispanic American
- Black, not Hispanic
- White, not Hispanic
- Multi-Racial

(combination of those above if no single race applies)

- Other:

B. Describe the importance of your art form to your community.

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C. Describe your role in continuing this art form.

## Support Materials

A. Samples of Artists' Work:

Support materials showing the work of the traditional artists are necessary before the panel can evaluate the application. Please label each item and indicate the amount and kind of support materials you have included:

**Photographs or slides:** Panelists will review up to 10 slides

**Audio/video tapes or discs:** Panelists will review up to 10 minutes of recorded material. Please cue the tape to the portion you want viewed.

**Exhibit brochures, clippings from shows, and articles:** 5 copies, if possible, one for each panelist. **Do not send original artwork.**

*(To have support materials returned, please enclose self-addressed stamped envelope or packaging.)*

B. Letters of Support:

Letters from individuals familiar with the artist's work are often of great assistance to the review panel. Letters should be addressed to the WSAC Folk Arts Program and included with this application form.

## Signature

Traditional artist: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Send completed application by April 24, 2009 to:**

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