



Washington State Governor's **ARTS & HERITAGE AWARDS**

GOVERNOR'S ARTS AWARD CRITERIA & CATEGORY DEFINITIONS

A selection panel evaluates nominations for the Governor's Arts Awards using two common criterion for all nominations and additional specific criteria for individual categories.

GOVERNOR'S ARTS AWARDS - Common Criteria

- Contributions to arts and cultural development of Washington State, or to a specific community within the state.
- Impact on a Washington State community/region over time, as demonstrated by level of community engagement and/or community recognition.

GOVERNOR'S ARTS AWARDS - Categories, Definitions and Specific Criteria

- **Individual Award:** defined as an outstanding generative individual artist and/or arts leader.
Additionally evaluated on the quality of the artworks produced and/or impact of significant projects or initiatives that advance the arts.
- **Organization Award:** defined as arts presenters or supporters.
Additionally evaluated on the quality and impact of significant projects or initiatives that advance the arts.

- **Arts Education:** defined as an individual or an organization that demonstrates leadership, dedication, and accomplishment in arts education for youth in grades K-12. This includes work during the regular school day as part of basic education, as well as work in community settings.
Additionally evaluated on the impact on the students, schools, and communities they serve.
- **Young Arts Leader Award:** defined as an individual artist, arts administrator, or advocate between the ages of 18 and 40 as of the deadline date (June 3, 2019).
Additionally evaluated on the quality and impact of significant projects or initiatives that advance the arts.
- **Arts Legacy Award:** defined as individuals who have made a substantial and lasting contribution as artists, arts leaders and/or arts supporters to advancing the arts in Washington State. Nominations for posthumous awards accepted.
Additionally evaluated on specific accomplishments and/or years of service and/or impact of career.
- **Arts Advocacy Award:** defined as individuals, organizations, institutions whose arts advocacy efforts have raised awareness of and advanced the public value of the arts.
Additionally evaluated on specific accomplishments.
- **Philanthropy Award:** defined as individuals with a demonstrable history of philanthropy, investment, generosity, and altruism in the arts.
Additionally evaluated on reach to diverse and underserved populations, culturally diverse organizations and institutions, and diverse geographic locations including under-resourced regions.
- **Community Award:** awarded to an individual or an organization for exemplary arts based community development, service, and placemaking.
Additionally evaluated on specific accomplishments, reach to diverse and underserved populations, culturally diverse organizations and institutions, diverse geographic locations including under-resourced regions.