



Nominations Open!

2020 Governor's Arts & Heritage Awards

Nomination Deadline:
June 15, 2020

The Washington State Arts Commission (ArtsWA) invites nominations of Washington's outstanding arts and cultural leaders, artists, culture bearers, and arts organizations for the Governor's Arts & Heritage Awards.

About the Awards

The **Governor's Arts Awards**, established in 1966, recognize outstanding individuals and organizations for their significant contributions to the arts and cultural development of Washington State.

The **Governor's Heritage Awards**, established in 1989, honor outstanding individuals and organizations whose dedication to preserving and promoting traditions and cultural heritage are worthy of state recognition.

The Governor's Arts and Heritage Awards, administered on behalf of the Governor by ArtsWA, are among the most prestigious honors that the Governor confers.

Categories

Governor's Arts Awards

Individual
Organization
Arts Education
Young Arts Leader
Arts Legacy
Arts Advocacy
Philanthropy Award
Community Award

Governor's Heritage Awards

Individual
Organization

ArtsWA may not issue an award in every category.

www.arts.wa.gov

Find more information about the Governor's Arts & Heritage Awards on our website!

Eligibility

To be eligible, individuals or organizations must

- have significantly contributed to the arts and culture landscape of Washington State;
- be current Washington residents, resided, be based or been based in the state at the time contributions were made;
- not be a previous recipient of a Governor's Arts or Heritage Award (except Young Arts Leader Award).

Evaluation

A Selection Panel evaluates nominations and makes recipient recommendations. Recommendations are forwarded to ArtsWA's board of commissioners who deliberate and forward recommendations to the Governor for final approval. Nominators and Nominees are notified and award recipients announced to the public after final approval.

Governor's Arts Awards Criteria

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

- Contribution to arts and cultural development of Washington, or to a specific community within the state.
- Impact on a community or region over time, 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 Award: 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 15, 2020). Additionally evaluated on the quality and impact of significant projects or initiatives that advance the arts.

Governor's Arts Awards - Categories, Definitions and Specific Criteria, *Continued*

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.

Governor's Heritage Awards – Criteria

A Selection Panel evaluates nominations for the Governor's Heritage Awards using four criterion for all nominations.

- Contributions to the heritage of Washington State, or to a specific community within the state.
- Active participation in the artist's community as a master traditional artist, community scholar, or traditional community historian.
- Nominee's work is representative of significant folk art or cultural traditions, and/or tradition bearers within the nominee's community and recognized as such by the community.
- Significant record of accomplishments.

Governor's Heritage Awards – Categories and Definitions

Individual: Outstanding individual artist or practitioner.

Organization: An organization that provides outstanding support for heritage and culture.

Policies

Renominations: Individuals and organizations nominated in previous years are eligible to be nominated again if they did not receive an award. A new nomination packet must be created.

Nominators may work with nominees to create an application.

Self-nominations are accepted.

Nominations for posthumous awards are accepted.

Nominees that receive multiple nominations receive only one score from the Selection Panel.

Applications only accepted electronically through ZoomGrants. Visit our website to access the link.

We will make no exceptions regarding the application deadline.

You may nominate individuals or organizations to the Arts Awards or Heritage Awards - **but not both**.

You may nominate only one individual or organization per award cycle.

Nominators and nominees notified of status by early September.

Find more information about the Governor's Arts & Heritage Awards, including access to the link to get your nomination started, is on our [website!](#)

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