



# Nominations Open!

## 2021 Governor's Arts & Heritage Awards Luminary Awards

**Nomination Deadline: August 2, 2021**

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 - Luminary Awards.

### About the Awards

*Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness. - Desmond Tutu*

The pandemic has revealed much about who we are as individuals and as a society. As we move through these difficult times together, ArtsWA and Governor Inslee, would like to pause to recognize those that, in this time of unexpected darkness and uncertainty, were, and are, willing to be a light for their communities. The Governor's Luminary Awards will highlight individuals and organizations that have shown outstanding leadership during the pandemic. Two awards will be given for each region, one to an individual and one to an organization.

### Categories

#### Governor's Luminary Awards

**Northwest Region** - (Island, King, Kitsap, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish, Whatcom counties)

Individual  
Organization

**Southwest Region** - (Clallam, Clark, Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, Jefferson, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, Pierce, Skamania, Thurston, Wahkiakum counties)

Individual  
Organization

**Central Region** - (Chelan, Douglas, Ferry, Grant, Kittitas, Klickitat, Okanogan, Yakima counties)

Individual  
Organization

**Eastern Region** - (Adams, Asotin, Benton, Columbia, Franklin, Garfield, Lincoln, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Stevens, Walla Walla, Whitman counties)

Individual  
Organization

#### Governor's Spotlight Award

Governor Inslee will select the recipient of the Spotlight Award. Recipient may be selected from one of the eight final recommendations submitted by regional panels, or another community member or organization at the Governor's discretion.

*ArtsWA may not issue an award in every category.*

## Important Dates

- Nominations Open: July 1, 2021
- Nominations Deadline: August 2, 2021
- Notifications: Early September

## Eligibility and Criteria

To be eligible, individuals or organizations must:

- Have contributed to the arts and culture landscape of Washington State during the pandemic.
- Have shown outstanding community leadership in the arts during and related to the pandemic.
- Be current Washington residents or have been based in the state at the time contributions were made.

## Support Materials

The following is required for all nominations:

### Nomination Letter

Your nomination letter serves to introduce your nominee to the Selection Panel. For the Luminary Award, tell your nominee's story of leadership, perseverance, and contribution to the arts and culture landscape of Washington during the pandemic. Outline accomplishments clearly and succinctly. We understand that during the pandemic, contributions are relative. Include the impact the nominee's work has had on a specific and/or the broader community. Include why the efforts, achievements, and accomplishments of your nominee are noteworthy and how and by whom their efforts have been recognized. If relevant, also include information on how your nominee's work has impacted specific underserved communities. Keep your nomination letter to one (1) page in length, single-spaced, 12pt font. It is highly recommended that you submit your letter in PDF file format.

## Evaluation

Regional Selection Panels review nominations and make 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.

## Policies

- A Luminary award may not be given to an individual that is also a staff member of an organization that receives a Luminary Award for organizations.
- 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 Luminary Awards but not the Spotlight Award.
  - You may nominate only one individual or organization.
  - Nominators and nominees notified of status by early September.
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### About ArtsWA

ArtsWA is the [Washington State Arts Commission](#). The Washington State Legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts fund our programs. ArtsWA complies with all local, state and federal laws and regulations concerning civil and human rights. For more information regarding Washington State Arts Commission's policies on Accessibility, Diversity, and Nondiscrimination, [click here](#).

### Transparency

Let us know if individuals involved with your organization also have an affiliation with ArtsWA. ArtsWA staff, commissioners, consultants, contractors, current grant panelists, or the immediate family members, etc. are considered to be affiliated with your organization. This is for transparency only; the panel will review your application without bias. [Read our full Conflict of Interest policy](#).

### Appeals

Unsuccessful applicants may appeal in accordance with Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 30.12.036, found here: <http://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=30-12-036>.

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

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