2022 Governor’s Arts & Heritage Awards

Nominations Open!

Nomination Deadline: June 20, 2022

ArtsWA invites you to nominate Washington’s outstanding arts and cultural leaders, artists, culture bearers, and arts and heritage 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.

ArtsWA administers the Governor’s Arts and Heritage Awards on behalf of the Governor. These awards are among the most prestigious honors given by the Governor.

## Important Dates

* Application Deadline: June 20, 2022
* Notifications to nominators and nominees: Late August/Early September
* Celebration of Recipients in Olympia, WA: November 1, 2022

## Who Is Eligible to Apply?

To be eligible, individuals or organizations must

* have made significant contributions to the arts and culture landscape of Washington
* be either a current Washington resident, or have resided or been based in Washington at the time contributions were made
* not be a past Governor’s Arts or Heritage Award honoree (except Young Arts Leader Award).

## How does ArtsWA Select Recipients?

## A Selection Panel evaluates the nominations and makes recommendations. ArtsWA’s Board of Commissioners reviews the panel’s recommendations and sends their selections to the Governor for final approval. ArtsWA then notifies the nominees and nominators and publicly announces the honorees.

## What are the Criteria Used to Score Applications?

**Governor’s Arts Awards Criteria**

A Selection Panel evaluates nominations for the Governor’s Arts Awards using two common criteria, with additional criteria for individual categories.

**Governor’s Arts Awards - Common Criteria**

* Contribution to the arts and cultural development of Washington, or to a specific community within the state.
* Impact on a community or region over time.

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

**Individual Award**: An individual who is an outstanding artist, arts leader, or both. The panel also evaluates individuals on either the quality of their artworks, the impact of their projects or initiatives, or both.

**Organization Award**: Arts presenters or supporters who have made outstanding contributions to the arts in Washington. The panel also evaluates organizations on the quality and impact of projects or initiatives that advance the arts.

**Arts Education Award**: An individual or an organization that demonstrates leadership, innovation, or a community-based approach to arts and cultural learning in service of

PreK-12 students. Impact of work includes transformational teaching and learning for students, educators, or families.

**Young Arts Leader Award**: An outstanding individual artist, arts administrator, or advocate aged 18 to 40 as of July 25, 2022. The panel also evaluates nominees on the quality and impact of projects or initiatives that advance the arts.

**Arts Legacy Award**: An individual who made substantial and lasting contributions as an artist, arts leader, or arts supporter to advance the arts in Washington State. ArtsWA accepts nominations for posthumous awards. The panel also evaluates nominees on criteria such as specific accomplishments, years of service, and career impact.

**Arts Advocacy Award**: Individuals, organizations, or institutions whose arts advocacy efforts have raised awareness of and advanced the public value of the arts. The panel also evaluates nominees on specific accomplishments.

**Philanthropy Award**: Individuals with a demonstrable history of philanthropy, investment, generosity, and altruism in the arts. The panel also evaluates nominees on their reach to diverse and underserved populations, culturally diverse organizations and institutions, and diverse geographic locations, including under-resourced regions.

**Community Award**: An individual or an organization who has shown exemplary arts-based community development, service, and placemaking. The panel also evaluates nominees on specific accomplishments such as their reach to diverse and underserved populations, culturally diverse organizations and institutions, and diverse geographic locations, including under-resourced regions.

**Governor’s Heritage Awards – Criteria**

A Selection Panel evaluates all nominations for the Governor’s Heritage Awards using four criteria:

* Contributions to the heritage of Washington State, or to a specific community within the state.
* Active participation in the artist’s community as an accomplished traditional artist, community scholar, or community historian.
* Representation of significant folk art or cultural traditions, or recognized tradition bearers within the nominee’s community.
* Record of significant accomplishments.

**Governor’s Heritage Awards – Categories and Definitions**

**Individual**: Outstanding individual artist, practitioner, scholar, or historian.

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

## What is Required to Apply?

* Completed Application
* Work Samples
* Organization History (for those nominating organizations)

## How to Apply:

Submit nominations through the online grant platform, Submittable, until **5:00pm** on the deadline date. Applications are open **May 2** through **June 20, 2022**.

[**CLICK HERE TO APPLY**](https://artswagto.submittable.com/submit/b8b0642f-1631-4e15-8958-107665f77fb6/governors-arts-heritage-awards)

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