

Nomination Guidelines and Procedures

About the Awards



The Governor's Awards for the Arts and Humanities honor outstanding individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to Georgia's civic and cultural vitality through service to the humanities or excellence in the arts.

Presented by the Office of the Governor in partnership with the Georgia Council for the Arts and Georgia Humanities, the Governor's Awards recognize the value of the arts and humanities in the creation of a thriving economy and their contributions to innovation and growth.

The Governor's Awards pay tribute to the most distinguished citizens and organizations that have demonstrated a lifetime commitment to work in these fields.



Nomination Guidelines

Individuals/Artists:

Nominations will be accepted for living individuals (posthumous awards will not be given) who have made significant and substantial long-lasting contributions to Georgia's cultural heritage through pioneering work in the arts or humanities. This award honors lifetime achievement in an individual's field. Examples of eligible nominees include, but are not limited to, artists, advocates, scholars, philanthropists, legislators, educators, folklorists, volunteers, and authors. Self-nominations will not be accepted.

Organizations (Not-for-Profit, Business, or Philanthropic):

Nominations will be accepted for organizations that have demonstrated historical and ongoing support for the arts or humanities in Georgia. Examples of notable activities by an organization include, but are not limited to, use of the arts or humanities to address an acute community need, innovative programs in support of or utilizing the arts or humanities, and long-term financial commitment to supporting the sustainability and growth of the arts and humanities sector in Georgia. Self-nominations will not be accepted.

Selection Criteria:

The panel of judges will evaluate the total body of work or contributions of the nominee and the impact of the nominee's work on the cultural climate and vitality of Georgia.

Nominations must include:

- A complete **nomination form**
 - Available at <https://www.cognitofrms.com/GDECD1/2021GovernorsAwardsForTheArtsHumanities>
- A complete **nomination package**:
 - A narrative summary of the nominee's achievements that highlights:
 - unique and significant contributions to enriching lives and strengthening communities in our state through the arts/humanities;
 - the impact of the nominee's work at the local, state, or national level;
 - a brief history of the individual's or the organization's commitment to and participation in the arts/humanities.
 - A biography or resume of up to three pages (*for individual nominations only*)
 - Two letters of support

Nominators may also include up to three pieces of digital supporting material, which may include photographs, film, artwork samples, music, or documentation of an individual's or organization's contribution to the arts or humanities. Supporting materials must be uploaded directly to the online nomination form, available at <https://www.cognitofrms.com/GDECD1/2021GovernorsAwardsForTheArtsHumanities>.

Award Recipients

Award recipients will be notified in early October and will be honored at a ceremony this fall. Nominations may be made by any resident of Georgia, excluding members of the boards and staffs of the Georgia Council for the Arts, Georgia Department of Economic Development, and Georgia Humanities. Award recipients will be selected by a panel of distinguished judges including community members and representatives from the above organizations and the Office of the Governor.

Submitting a Nomination

Key Dates:

Nomination Deadline	August 20, 2021 (5:00p.m. EDT)
Recipient Notification	mid-September

Nominations should be submitted at www.GeorgiaHumanities.org/nominate only. *Please note that hard copies of nominations or any supporting materials will not be accepted.*

Nomination Form Preview

Individual Nominations

Nominee's name:

Organization affiliation (if applicable):

Title (optional):

Artist's medium (if applicable):

Individual's field of work (if applicable):

Address:

Georgia County:

Number of years lived in Georgia:

Phone:

E-mail:

Organization Nominations

Nominee organization name:

Contribution to the arts or humanities:

Point of contact for the nominee organization:

Title (optional):

Nominee organization's address:

Georgia County:

Number of years in Georgia:

Phone:

E-mail:

Nominator Information

Nominator name*:

Organization affiliation (if any):

Title (Optional):

Nominator Address:

Georgia County:

Nominator e-mail*:

Phone*:

**Required fields.*

Supporting Documents and Digital Materials

- Nomination Package
 - Upload **one pdf file** including:
 - For nominations of ***individuals***:
 - A summary of the nominee's achievements (2 pages maximum)
 - Biography or resume of the nominee (3 pages maximum)
 - Two letters of support (2 pages maximum)
 - Total allowed pages: 7

- For nominations of **organizations**:
 - A summary of the nominee's achievements (2 pages maximum)
 - Two letters of support (2 pages maximum)
 - Total allowed pages: 4
 - Digital Supporting Materials (optional)
 - Nominators may submit **up to 3 pieces of digital supporting material** of the nominee, which may include photographs, film, artwork samples, music, or documentation of the individual's or the organization's contributions to the arts or humanities.
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With questions or concerns, please contact:

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