

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, the 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:

A 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.cognitoforms.com/GDECD1/_2023GovernorsAwardsForTheArtsHumanities
- A complete **nomination package,** which will be attached to the nomination form at the link above:
 - 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 or 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 or humanities.
 - Two letters of support

Nominators may also provide links to three pieces of digital supporting material, which may include photographs, links to videos, artwork samples, music, or documentation of an individual’s or organization’s contribution to the arts or humanities. Links to supporting materials should be included in a Word document in the nomination package.

Award Recipients

Award recipients will be notified in September. A ceremony to honor recipients is traditionally held at the Georgia Capitol (more details will be announced in the 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	July 24, 2023 (5:00 p.m. EDT)
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Recipient Notification	mid-August
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Nominations should be submitted through the online nomination form:

https://www.cognitofrms.com/GDECD1/_2023GovernorsAwardsForTheArtsHumanities.

Please note that hard copies of nominations or supporting materials will not be accepted.

Nomination Form Preview

Individual Nominations

Nominee's name:

Organization affiliation (if any):

Title (optional):

Individual's field of work (if applicable):

Artist's medium (if applicable):

Nominee's Address:

Georgia County:

Number of years lived in Georgia:

Phone:

Email:

Organization Nominations

Nominee organization name:

Contact person for the organization:

Title (optional):

Nominee organization's address:

Georgia County:

Number of years in Georgia:

Phone:

Email:

Nominator Information

Nominator name*:

Organization affiliation (if any):

Title (Optional):

Nominator Address:

Georgia County:

Nominator Email*:

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)
 - Two letters of support (2 pages maximum)
 - Total allowed pages: 4
 - 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):
 - Links to **up to 3 pieces of supporting material** for the nominee, which may include photographs, links to videos, artwork samples, music, or documentation of the individual's or the organization's contributions to the arts or humanities.
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