



## **Request for Proposals: 2025 Governor's Awards for the Arts & Humanities Award Design and Creation**

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**Submission Deadline:** August 11, 2025

**Award Selection Notification:** August 25, 2025

**Ceremony Date:** October, 2025

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### **Overview**

Georgia Council for the Arts is seeking proposals from Georgia-based artists or artisans to design and produce ten (10) original awards for the annual Governor's Awards for the Arts & Humanities, which recognizes outstanding individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to the cultural life of Georgia.

Each award should be a work of art that reflects the creativity and artistic excellence of Georgia's arts community.

More information on the Governor's Awards can be found at  
<https://gaarts.org/programs/governors-awards-for-the-arts-humanities/>

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### **Award Specifications**

- Quantity: 10 awards
- Budget: up to \$300 per award (total budget not to exceed \$3,000)
- Medium: Any durable material; 3D works are most common, though 2D proposals will be considered. Previous awards have included ceramics, metal, wood, glass, photography, woven materials, and mixed media.
- Size/Weight: Awards must be easily carried by hand and transportable (not excessively large or heavy).
- Customization: Awards may include small engraved or labeled elements (e.g., "2025 Governor's Award for the Arts & Humanities"), but this is not required in the initial design proposal. Final details will be coordinated with the selected artist.

## **Artist Recognition**

The selected artist will be:

- Acknowledged during the Governor's Awards ceremony in October
  - Invited to attend the event as a guest of honor
  - Featured in GCA promotional materials related to the awards, including press releases and event program
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## **Submission Requirements**

Please submit the following materials by August 11, 2025:

1. Artist Statement & Bio, and Headshot
  2. Proposal Narrative – A brief concept description for the award design, including materials and estimated dimensions
  3. Sketches or Renderings
  4. Images of Previous Work – Up to 5 images demonstrating craftsmanship and style
  5. Detailed Budget – Including total cost per piece and overall project cost (max \$3,000)
  6. Timeline for Production & Delivery – Awards must be completed and delivered by late September 2025
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## **Eligibility**

- Open to professional artists or artist teams based in Georgia
  - Must be able to complete and deliver all 10 awards by late September 2025
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## **Selection Criteria**

Submissions will be evaluated on:

- Artistic merit and originality
  - Feasibility and durability of the design
  - Alignment with the spirit of the Governor's Awards
  - Budget and timeline feasibility
  - Portability and practicality for the ceremony
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## **Submission Instructions**

Please submit your complete proposal at  
[https://www.cognitoforms.com/GDECD1/\\_2025GovernorsAwardsRFP](https://www.cognitoforms.com/GDECD1/_2025GovernorsAwardsRFP)

Questions may be directed to Tina Lilly at [tlilly@gaarts.org](mailto:tlilly@gaarts.org) or 404-962-4827

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We look forward to celebrating the incredible artistic talent across our state. Thank you for your interest in being part of this special event.