



Nomination Deadline: Friday, February 18, 2022

Awards Ceremony: Tuesday, March 1, 2022, 6 p.m., The Culture Center, State Capitol Complex

About the Awards

The Governor's Arts Awards celebrate excellence in the arts in West Virginia. The awards focus attention on the importance of arts to individual and economic development in the Mountain State by honoring individuals and organizations whose creative achievements and significant contributions to the arts enhance life in West Virginia.

Eligibility

Nominees must be residents living in or organizations (corporations, nonprofit organizations) based in or doing a majority of business in West Virginia. Members of the selection committee, members of the West Virginia Commission on the Arts, and West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History staff and their immediate family members are not eligible. Posthumous nominations are not accepted.

Nominations

Nominees must meet the eligibility requirements. The written nomination must specify the significance of the nominee's contributions to the arts as defined by the award category for which the nominee is entered. Nomination packets must be complete upon receipt at the Culture Center. The selection committee may reject any nomination that it considers incomplete.

Selection

Award winners will be chosen by a selection committee that may include West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History staff, members of the West Virginia Commission on the Arts, and arts representatives from around the state. The selection committee may choose to give more than one award or no award in any category. The committee will recommend the top three scoring nominees for the Governor's Arts Award for Lifetime Achievement to the Governor who will select the awardee.

Award winners and those who nominated them will be notified by February 25, 2022 of the selections.



Criteria

Nominations should be no more than 10 single-sided pages. All nominations must be typed in at least 12-point font.

1. Complete Nomination Form (page 4 of this document)
2. Written Statement of Achievements and/or Contributions
 - Describe the significance and magnitude of the nominee's arts contributions and achievements.
 - Include a list of the individuals and groups that benefit from and/or are served by the nominee.
 - Describe all partners and collaborators involved with the nominee's achievements.
 - Include the geographic area reached by the nominee's work. Work may be at the local, regional or national level.
3. Supporting Documents, such as:
 - Letters of support
 - Resume of individual or organizational description and statement of purpose
 - News stories
 - Images

All nominations must be submitted to the State Arts Office by February 18, 2022. Nominations will be accepted by mail, email, or hand delivery. Please send nominations to:

Governor's Arts Award Nomination
The Culture Center
1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East
Charleston WV 25305

Or

Paul Neil, Arts Office Secretary
Paul.R.Neil@wv.gov



Nomination Categories

Select one category per nomination.

Susan S. Landis Distinguished Service to the Arts - Individual recognizes an individual of exceptional talent, creativity, and energy; who contributes to the arts by fostering growth in arts programs; and represents West Virginia arts with distinction on state, regional, and national levels.

Susan S. Landis Distinguished Service to the Arts – Organization recognizes an organization that demonstrates exceptional support for talent, creativity and energy; that contributes to the arts by fostering growth in arts programs; and represents West Virginia arts with distinction on state, regional, and national levels.

Artist of the Year recognizes an individual artist who demonstrates excellence in their discipline and whose work significantly impacts and contributes to an appreciation and growth of arts in West Virginia.

Arts Organization of the Year recognizes an organization that demonstrates excellence in support of and/or presenting the arts in a way that significantly impacts and contributes to an appreciation or growth of arts in West Virginia.

Arts in Education – Individual recognizes the work of an individual to strengthen arts education in West Virginia schools and provide creative opportunities for students to participate in arts education.

Arts in Education – Organization recognizes the work of an organization to strengthen arts education in West Virginia schools and provide creative opportunities for students to participate in arts education.

Folk Arts – Individual recognizes an individual who has demonstrated exceptional leadership or skill in the field of folk and traditional arts within West Virginia.

Folk Arts – Organization recognizes an organization that has demonstrated exceptional leadership or skill in the field of folk and traditional arts within West Virginia.

Resiliency in the Arts - Organization recognizes a West Virginia organization that demonstrated creative solutions and leadership in the wake of COVID-19 restrictions.

Resiliency in the Arts - Individual recognizes a West Virginian that demonstrated creative solutions and leadership in the wake of COVID-19 restrictions.

Governor's Arts Award for Lifetime Achievement recognizes an individual or organization for a lifetime of significant commitment to the arts through personal talent and skills, lifelong arts educational leadership, and support of arts development in West Virginia.



Nomination Form

Please mark the category for this nomination:

- Susan S. Landis Distinguished Service to the Arts – Individual
- Susan S. Landis Distinguished Service to the Arts – Organization
- Artist of the Year
- Arts Organization of the Year
- Arts in Education – Individual
- Arts in Education – Organization
- Folk Arts – Individual
- Folk Arts – Organization
- Resiliency in the Arts - Organization
- Resiliency in the Arts - Individual
- Governor's Arts Award for Lifetime Achievement

Name of Nominee:

Address:

Phone:

Email/Website:

Name of Nominator:

Address:

Phone:

Email/Website:

How long have you known the nominee?