

# Oklahoma Governor's Arts Awards

## Nomination Form

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## **Governor's Arts Awards**

Since 1975, the Oklahoma Arts Council has sponsored the Oklahoma Governor's Arts Awards. The awards recognize individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to the arts in Oklahoma.

## **Selection**

Award recipients are selected by members of the Governor's Arts Awards Selection Committee, comprised of Governor-appointed Oklahoma Arts Council members. The Selection Committee reserves the right to honor recipients in categories of its choice.

## **Eligibility**

Nominees must be current, full-time Oklahoma residents or organizations that work in and for the benefit of Oklahoma. Awards are not given posthumously. Previous recipients of The Governor's Award are not eligible. A list of previous recipients is available at [arts.ok.gov](http://arts.ok.gov).

Nominations for arts organizations, employees of arts organizations, or educators should reflect activity beyond normal expectations or responsibilities.

## **Criteria**

The following is used as criteria by the Selection Committee to evaluate nominations.

Submissions may not need to address all criteria:

- What is the nominee's history of involvement in the arts, and how has that involvement impacted communities and/or schools?
- If the nominee is employed in the arts, how have they gone above and beyond their normal responsibilities to have a compelling impact?
- Do more Oklahomans have access to the arts as a result of the nominee?
- What major initiatives has the nominee led?
- Has the nominee helped to increase funding and resources for the arts?
- Do Oklahomans have greater opportunities for arts education as a result of the nominee?
- Has the nominee advanced public awareness of the arts?

## **Categories**

The Selection Committee reserves the right to honor recipients in categories of its choice:

### **The Governor's Award**

Recognizes individuals for longtime leadership and significant contributions to the arts across Oklahoma.

### **Arts in Education Award**

Recognizes individuals, organizations, schools, educators or groups for their outstanding leadership and service in the arts benefiting youth and/or arts in education.

### **Business in the Arts Award**

Recognizes businesses/corporations that exhibit outstanding support of the arts in Oklahoma. Created in memory of Earl Sneed, distinguished arts advocate.

### **Community Service Award**

Recognizes individuals for significant contributions to the arts in specific Oklahoma communities in the areas of leadership and volunteerism.

### **Media in the Arts Award**

Recognizes individual members of the media who demonstrate commitment to the arts in Oklahoma documented through public awareness support and fairness, initiative, creativity and professionalism in reporting. Created in memory of Bill Crawford, veteran professional journalist.

### **George Nigh Public Service in the Arts Award**

Recognizes Oklahoma government officials for outstanding support of the arts.

**Instructions**

Complete the information on the following page of this nomination form. Attach a two- to three-page typewritten narrative describing the nominee's efforts in the arts and the impact of those efforts in communities, schools, or across the state. Use the criteria listed on this form as a guide for the narrative, addressing the criteria that is relevant to the nominee's efforts. Submit all forms as instructed below.

**Support Materials**

Support materials will be accepted but are not required. Support materials may include news clippings, support letters, and other items. Support materials must not exceed three pages (8 ½ X 11). Audio and video materials will not be accepted.

**Submissions**

Nominations are due Wednesday, October 15, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. CT. Please mail or email completed nomination form, required narrative, and optional support materials to:

Governor's Arts Awards Selection Committee  
c/o Oklahoma Arts Council  
PO Box 52001-2001  
Oklahoma City, OK 73152-2001  
joel.gavin@arts.ok.gov

**For More Information**

For more information, contact Joel Gavin, Director of Marketing and Communications, at (405) 312-1838 or joel.gavin@arts.ok.gov.

## Nominator Information

Submitted By: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

## Nominee Information

Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person (for organization nominees) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

## How did you learn about the opportunity to submit a Governor's Arts Awards nomination?

Oklahoma Arts Council Email ☐

Oklahoma Arts Council Website ☐

Newspaper/Magazine/Radio/Television ☐

Social Media ☐

Word of Mouth ☐

Other \_\_\_\_\_ ☐

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