

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 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.

AWARDEES

Awardees will be notified in early September and will be honored at an awards ceremony at the State Capitol on October 5, 2016. Recipients must be present at the award ceremony. Nominations may be made by any resident of Georgia, excluding members of the Board and staff of Georgia Council for the Arts, Georgia Department of Economic Development, and Georgia Humanities. Awardees will be selected by a panel of distinguished judges including community members and representatives from the above organizations and the Office of the Governor.

GUIDELINES FOR NOMINATIONS

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 and 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 and 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 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.

Nomination Packages will be accepted via email and must include:

1. A nomination form filled out in its entirety. The form must be filled out using the link below
2. A two-page narrative summary of the nominee's achievements including a) unique and significant contributions to enriching lives and strengthening communities in our state through the arts/humanities, b) the impact of the nominees work at the local, state or national level, c) a brief history of the individual, or organization's commitment to and participation in the arts/humanities. This narrative will be page 2 and 3 of your nomination package.
3. For individuals, please submit a biography or resume of no more than 3 pages
4. Two additional letters of support
5. Up to three pieces of digital support material. These may include photographs, films, artwork samples, music, or documentation of an individual's or organization's contribution to the arts or humanities; these submissions must be in a digital format. Support materials must be uploaded to the nomination form.



ITEMS ONE THROUGH FOUR MUST BE SUBMITTED AS ONE PDF DOCUMENT

[Link to Nomination Form available here](#) 