



Request for Nominations: Indiana Governor's Arts Award Recipients

About the Indiana Governor's Arts Awards

Arts and creativity strengthen Indiana's people and places.

To recognize outstanding achievement and contributions to arts and creativity in Indiana, the Office of the Governor with the Indiana Arts Commission (IAC) present the **Governor's Arts Awards**, the highest honor the state gives in the arts.

These awards honor those who maximize their roles as innovators, supporters and advocates to grow arts and creativity on the state or national level.

The IAC coordinates the presentation of the Governor's Arts Awards. The Commission solicits nominations for award recipients and coordinates the selection process, and the awards are presented by the Governor and First Lady of Indiana. The IAC commissions an Indiana artist to create custom works of art to serve as the awards.

About the Opportunity

The Indiana Arts Commission is seeking nominations for the 2023 Indiana Governor's Arts Awards. Recipients will be profiled in a short film about their work in the arts in 2023 and receive an artisan crafted award at a celebratory event in early 2024.

A total of five recipients will be selected.

About the Nomination Process

Governor's Awards nominations are accepted through [an online form](#) during a five-week nomination period. Nominations may be submitted by organizations or individuals and do not need to designate a category.

A nomination consists of:

1. **A nomination narrative** – This narrative introduces the nominee's accomplishments and contributions. Consider the following ideas when crafting a narrative:
 - How does the nominee contribute to, uplift, and influence the arts in their community, state or nationally?
 - Who benefits from the nominee's leadership in the arts (e.g., rural, urban, or suburban communities; students/youth; older adults; etc.)?
 - Describe the nominee's impact through the arts (e.g. community growth in the arts, support/mentorship to creatives, enhanced education for learners, public art, innovating service to new audiences, etc.)?
 - How would you tell the nominee's story in a media interview – who what, when, where, and how has the nominee been successful in the arts?

The nomination narrative can be submitted in either written, audio, or video format.

2. **Support Samples (optional)** – A nomination may also include up to five additional support samples that further highlights the nominee which can include links to media about the nominee; images; or letters/testimonials of support in either written, audio or video format.

Eligibility & Selection Process

Nominations are open to organizations or individuals who work or reside in Indiana or have significant ties to the state through some years of residency. Nominees must be living—no awards will be presented posthumously.

A selection committee comprised of representatives from the Office of the Governor and the Indiana Arts Commission will review and evaluate nominations based on the following criteria:

- Depth and breadth of impact
- Innovation
- Quality of community engagement
- Artistic excellence

Timeline

Request for Nominations Opens: April 3, 2023

Submission Deadline: May 7, 2023, 11:59 p.m. ET

Selection Notification: June 2023

Questions

Interested parties are encouraged to review all published material and contact Connie Brahm, IAC Marketing and Communications Director (cbrahm@iac.in.gov), with any questions.

Ready to Submit a Nomination?

[Visit the Indiana Governor's Arts Award nomination form to submit a nomination.](#)