

Presenting The Arlington Heights Cultural Arts Award

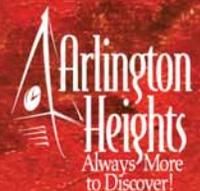


The Arts Commission has established a Cultural Arts Award to be presented every year to an outstanding artist in Arlington Heights who has created a significant body of art.

This is an effort to recognize the contributions of our local artists and by doing so, encourage them to create art to enhance our Village and the world.

Attached are procedures for nominating a worthy individual to receive this prestigious award.

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Call for Recommendations for the 2015 Arlington Heights Cultural Arts Award

Description:

The Village of Arlington Heights Arts Commission is proud to celebrate achievements in the arts, especially when produced by individuals and groups that our community has helped in some way to nurture, inspire, or support.

The Arts Commission's goal is to assist in building on the sense of pride and community in our Village, especially among the artists who reside and work here. With this award, the Arts Commission also hopes to inspire future generations of artists.

Therefore, we are pleased to present this Call for Recommendations for the Arlington Heights Cultural Arts Award. The selection process is administered by the Arts Commission, and three criteria for the award are listed below.

Criteria:

1. Nominees will be those individuals or groups directly responsible for the creation of substantial and accomplished creative work in any artistic medium, including (but not limited to): painting, photography, sculpture, ceramics, textile art, multi-media art, film, television, video, music, sound, dance, theatre, performance, and all forms of literature.
2. Nominees must exhibit a substantial resume which would include local and regional achievements, and where possible, national and international accomplishments. Any number of accomplishments will be considered, if what has been produced has been recognized as particularly outstanding.
3. Nominees should have a past or present relationship with the Arlington Heights community in some way, such as residence, education, or work. Any evidence that an artist has given back to the community should be highlighted in the nomination.

Eligibility for making a recommendation:

Any person or persons may make a recommendation, although artists may not nominate themselves and to avoid conflicts of interest, current Arts Commissioners may not submit nominations.

Completing the Recommendation Form

Complete the attached Recommendation Form and provide as much information as possible about your candidate. You may use additional sheets of paper, but indicate to which section the additional information relates. Do not send examples of the nominee's work (e.g., videos, photographs, books).

Recommendations received must follow the format of the official recommendation form. Recommendations not following this format will be returned to the person submitting the nomination with a request for revision.

Note that in general, the award winner will be chosen on the quality of his or her achievements, rather than on the quality of the recommendation form. However, the more complete and accurate a submittal, the easier it will be for the award selection committee to make its determinations.

Letters of Support

Additional letters of support may come from others who have knowledge of and can endorse the recommended party's contribution. Such letters of support will be added to the submittal.

Send the completed form as well as any letters of support to: Arts Commission Liaison, Village of Arlington Heights, 33 S. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60005. You may also send the form via electronic mail to Arts@vah.com.

Schedule and Timing of the Process

Recommendations will be gathered until August 28, 2015. If your recommendation is not selected, the Arts Commission encourages you to submit your nomination again the following year.

Acknowledgement and Progress of recommendations

Upon receipt of a recommendation, the Arts Commission will send an acknowledgement to the person submitting.

Award Selection Committee

After the submittals are reviewed, the winner will be selected by the Cultural Arts Award Selection Committee. It is possible that in any given year a Cultural Arts Award winner will not be chosen.

Repeat Submissions

If you have previously submitted a nomination, please update the recommendation form and include any information about additional achievements that have occurred since the first submission.

Award Ceremony

The Arlington Heights Cultural Arts Award will include the presentation of a trophy at a public ceremony as well as a formal announcement of the accomplishments of the winner.

Further enquiries

Further enquiries relating to the recommendation process may be answered by contacting the Arts Commission Liaison, Derek Mach, dmach@vah.com.

RECOMMENDATION FORM

A. Please name the recommended individual or group:

B. Describe how the person you are recommending has demonstrated substantial achievement in the arts. Include a description of their body of work, achievements, and any references to sites or articles that will add information to those achievements. You may add how your candidate’s contributions have impacted a particular creative arts field, group, community, or humanity at large. Also include any additional ways in which your candidate has been recognized elsewhere, such as in museum collections, in the media, or by other awards. Add more pages if needed.

C. What relationship does your candidate have to Arlington Heights (e.g., past or present residence, school attendance, etc.)?

D. Your name and contact information:

Send the completed form as well as any letters of support to the following address:
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Deadline for submissions is Friday, August 28, 2015