



**Request for Proposals:
2026 Governor's Awards for the Arts & Humanities
Award Design and Creation**

Issued by: Georgia Council for the Arts (GCA)

Submission Deadline: June 26, 2026

Award Selection Notification: July, 2026

Ceremony Date: October, 2026

Overview

Georgia Council for the Arts and Georgia Humanities are seeking proposals from Georgia-based artists or artisans to design and produce ten (10) original awards for the annual Governor's Awards for the Arts & Humanities, which recognizes outstanding individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to the cultural life of Georgia.

Each award should be a work of art that reflects the creativity and artistic excellence of Georgia's arts community.

More information on the Governor's Awards can be found at <https://gaarts.org/programs/governors-awards-for-the-arts-humanities/>

Award Specifications

- Quantity: 10 awards
- Budget: up to \$300 per award (total budget not to exceed \$3,000)
- Medium: Any durable material; 3D works are most common, though 2D proposals will be considered. Previous awards have included ceramics, metal, wood, glass, photography, woven materials, and mixed media.
- Size/Weight: Awards must be easily carried by hand and transportable (not excessively large or heavy).
- Customization: Awards may include small engraved or labeled elements (e.g., "2026 Governor's Award for the Arts & Humanities"), but this is not required in

the initial design proposal. Final details will be coordinated with the selected artist.

Artist Recognition

The selected artist will be:

- Acknowledged during the Governor's Awards ceremony in October
 - Invited to attend the event as a guest of honor
 - Featured in GCA promotional materials related to the awards, including press releases and event program
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Submission Requirements

Please submit the following materials by June 26, 2026:

1. Artist Statement & Bio
 2. Proposal Narrative – A brief concept description for the award design, including materials and estimated dimensions
 3. Sketches or Renderings
 4. Images of Previous Work – Up to 5 images demonstrating craftsmanship and style
 5. Detailed Budget – Including total cost per piece and overall project cost (max \$3,000)
 6. Timeline for Production & Delivery – Awards must be completed and delivered by late September, 2026.
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Eligibility

- Open to professional artists or artist teams based in Georgia
 - Must be able to complete and deliver all 10 awards by late September, 2026
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Selection Criteria

Submissions will be evaluated on:

- Artistic merit and originality
- Feasibility and durability of the design
- Alignment with the spirit of the Governor's Awards

- Budget and timeline feasibility
 - Portability and practicality for the ceremony
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Submission Instructions

Please submit your complete proposal at
https://www.cognitofrms.com/GDECD1/_2026GovernorsAwardsRFP

Questions may be directed to Tina Lilly at tlilly@gaarts.org or 404-962-4827

We look forward to celebrating the incredible artistic talent across our state. Thank you for your interest in being part of this special event.