2025 GOVERNOR'S ARTS AWARDS
ORIGINAL WORK OF ART FOR WINNERS

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Since 1967, the Vermont Arts Council, in association with the Governor's office, recognizes outstanding individual contributions to the arts.

The Vermont Arts Council is now accepting proposals from a Vermont artist to design and create original works of art for the recipients of the 2025 Governor's Arts Awards.

Scope of Work

The awards recognize the contributions of Vermonters in five different categories: the Governor's Award for Excellence in the Arts; the Walter Cerf Medal for Outstanding Achievement in the Arts; the Ellen McCulloch-Lovell Award in Arts Education; the Margaret L. (Peggy) Kannenstine Award for Arts Advocacy; and the Arthur Williams Award for Meritorious Service to the Arts. More information about the awards is available at https://www.vermontartscouncil.org/programs/arts-awards

Create five works of original art—one each for the five recipients of the 2025 Governor's Arts Awards. The art piece for the Governor's Award for Excellence in the Arts should be larger or somehow distinct from the other four pieces, which can be similar or identical.

Any media or materials can be used to create the five awards in two or three dimensional products. The scale must be no more than 18W x 24H x 1D and weigh no more than 3lbs. The design should in some way convey and celebrate recipient achievements and the intent of the awards. All of the awards must have space for the engraving of the name of the award and its recipient.

The artworks will be conferred to the recipients at a public celebration in September 2025. The artist will be invited as a special guest at the celebration, and the work will be recognized.

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Estimated Timeline

Proposal Deadline: March 1, 2025
Artist Chosen: Mid-March 2025
Work Created: Mid-March - Aug. 1, 2025
Work Provided to Council: Aug. 1, 2025
Awards Conferred at Public Celebration: September 2025

Budget

$3,000, includes artist's time, fabrication expenses, and materials. All five awards must be created within the $3,000 budget. Applications must be submitted via email. We cannot accept mailed in models or maquettes at this time.

Who May Apply

Visual, craft or design artists in all media who are at least 18 years of age and legal residents of Vermont are eligible to apply.

How To Apply*

To be considered for the project, email the following to info@vermontartscouncil.org **no later than March 1, 2025:**

1. Your resume or artist statement that highlights relevant experience and artistic background along with your contact info including name, mailing address, email, and phone number.

2. A website with images of your past work. Alternatively, please email no more than four images of past, completed work.

3. A sketch, drawing, or photo of a two or three-dimensional design concept including materials, and dimensions, weight, etc.

4. A brief statement about the inspiration behind your design.

***Note**

Mailed models or maquettes will not be accepted. All application materials must be emailed.

Questions?

Contact us at info@vermontartscouncil.org. If you require an alternate format or assistance to apply, please contact info@vermontartscouncil.org or Michele Bailey, accessibility coordinator at mbailey@vermontartscouncil.org or at 802.402.4614. Voice and relay calls welcome.