



EXCELLENCE IN THE ARTS AWARDS APPLICATION

The Somerset County Cultural & Heritage Commission is accepting nominations for the 2019 Excellence in the Arts Awards, which honor individuals and organizations demonstrating exemplary leadership in and dedication to, fostering the fine and performing arts in Somerset County. We look forward to celebrating those leaders, visionaries, partners, educators and volunteers in our communities who, through their passion and creative excellence, have increased the visibility and viability of the arts and arts education for the residents of Somerset County.

The Somerset County Excellence in the Arts Program:

- Increases public awareness of the fine and performing arts and arts education in Somerset County.
- Highlights models of innovative and successful business partnerships, educational programming, volunteerism and outreach for the fine and performing arts for other organizations.
- Promotes excellence in the fine and performing arts.
- Celebrates exemplary individuals, organizations and corporations.

Awardees will be notified by March 29, 2019 and honored at a ceremony at the Green Brook Middle School Auditorium in Green Brook, New Jersey at 7:00 p.m. on May 23, 2019.

This program is sponsored by the Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the Somerset County Cultural & Heritage Commission, and the Friends of Somerset County Culture & Heritage, Inc. It is administered by the Cultural & Heritage Commission's Excellence in the Arts Awards Committee which is comprised of individuals appointed by the Somerset County Cultural and Heritage Commission.

Application Deadline: March 4, 2019





NOMINATION GUIDELINES

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| <p>1. 2019 Excellence in the Arts Award nominations are open to all residents of Somerset County and those whose work in or for the arts primarily benefits the residents of Somerset County. Nominees for the Aspiring Young Artist category must reside in Somerset County, but may be attending an institution out of Somerset County or the State of New Jersey.</p> | <p>5. Awardees will be notified by March 29, 2019 and will be honored at a ceremony at the Green Brook Middle School Auditorium in Green Brook, NJ at 7:00 p.m. on May 23, 2019. Award recipients' attendance at the Awards Ceremony is required.</p> |
| <p>2. All nominations must be submitted using the official 2019 Excellence in the Arts Award nomination form. All nomination forms must include narrative information and support materials. Materials will not be returned. Submit four (4) copies of the nomination form and support materials by March 4, 2019 to:
Somerset County
Cultural and Heritage Commission
20 Grove Street, P.O. Box 3000,
Somerville, N.J., 08876-1262</p> | <p>6. Suggested support materials include: detailed description of nominee's credentials, résumé, biography, examples of artwork, letters of support, business plan for the successful partnership effort, outline of nominee's successful arts program, description of outreach methods, event bulletins, press or media articles, programs, etc.</p> |
| <p>3. Self-nominations will not be accepted.</p> | <p>7. References will be contacted during the review process.</p> |
| <p>4. More than one award may be given in any one category, but awards may not necessarily be granted in each category.</p> | <p>8. Please address any questions to Kaitlin Bundy, Manager or Natalie Zaman, Program Coordinator Somerset County Cultural & Heritage Commission, at CulturalHeritage@co.somerset.nj.us or 908-231-7021.</p> |
| | <p>9. Nomination forms are available online at: www.co.somerset.nj.us/ExcellenceintheArts</p> |



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The Somerset County community celebrates the arts with the 2019 Excellence in Arts Awards honoring those individuals and organizations demonstrating exemplary leadership in and dedication to fostering the fine and performing arts in Somerset County.

Name of Nominee

Title

Corporate / Organization Affiliation

Address

Apt. #

City

County

State

Zip

Age / Grade (if student)

Phone (home)

Cell

Fax

Email

Classification of Nominee:

(PLEASE CHECK)

- Individual
- Corporation/Business
- Organization

Classification of Nomination:

ARTS IN EDUCATION OR MENTORSHIP

Awarded to an educator, instructor or education affiliate (PTA, Board of Education, Performing Arts/Music School) making outstanding contributions to the enhancement of arts education by consistently inspiring and encouraging the fine or performing arts in his or her students.

ARTS IN THE COMMUNITY

Awarded to an individual, corporation or local organization demonstrating exemplary dedication to inspiring and encouraging the fine or performing arts in a Somerset County community or in the County overall in one of the following areas: (please check).

- Innovative, Inclusive and Inspiring Arts Programming
- Outstanding Vision and Leadership
- Dedication to Arts Access and Outreach
- Exemplary Partnership(s) serving the Arts
- Volunteerism and Philanthropy

ASPIRING YOUNG ARTIST

Awarded to a Somerset County high school or college student who has consistently demonstrated excellence in and a commitment to the fine or performing arts, aspires to a career in the fine or performing arts and is a role model of good citizenship to his or her peers.

One young artist will be selected to receive a \$1,000 scholarship from the Friends of Somerset County Cultural & Heritage, Inc.



Nominated by:

Name

Corporate/Organization Affiliation

Address Apt. #

City State Zip

Phone

Email

Fax

Relationship to Nominee

Please explain why you think your nominee should be honored with a 2019 Excellence in the Arts Award from the Somerset County Cultural & Heritage Commission.

Attach a narrative of no more than four pages explaining how your nominee has demonstrated exemplary leadership in and dedication to fostering the arts in Somerset County and in which category they will be nominated and why. If applicable, please list sites or venues where we might be able to view or observe the nominee's artistry.

Please provide three other references from your organization, corporation, school or other third party to support your candidate's nomination for the 2019 Excellence in the Arts Award.

(Please note: references will be contacted during the review process.)

Name

Phone

Email

Relationship to Nominee

Name

Phone

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Relationship to Nominee

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Relationship to Nominee

Signature of Nominator

Date

Please note: No materials will be returned. No handwritten narratives will be accepted.

Awardees' attendance at the award ceremony is required and some may be asked to perform or display their work as part of the evening's festivities.

Questions can be addressed to **Kaitlin Bundy, Manager** or **Natalie Zaman, Program Coordinator**, Somerset County Cultural & Heritage Commission at **CulturalHeritage@co.somerset.nj.us** or **908-231-7021**.

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Printed application available upon request.

