

Guidelines

Annual Deadline: June 15

Overview

Arts Nova Scotia and the Creative Nova Scotia Leadership Council recognize that artistic and cultural expression are fundamental to the collective well-being of Nova Scotians. Programs that encourage artistic and cultural development help to build creative communities that foster innovation, generate social change, and nurture cultural diversity. The **Creative Community Impact Award** recognizes an organization or program that has made a positive impact on a community through arts and culture. Funded from the Nova Scotia Arts Endowment Fund, the award carries a cash value of \$10,000.

Purpose

The purpose of the **Creative Community Impact Award** is to promote arts and culture in Nova Scotian communities by recognizing excellence and initiative in bringing arts and culture into community life.

The award recognizes a demonstrated history of community engagement with art and culture by an organization or program. It also provides a financial investment intended to enhance future arts and culture activities and to encourage further engagement.

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants:

- must be a Nova Scotia-based non-profit arts and culture organization or an arts and culture program within a non-profit organization that has been operating for four years or more; a municipality; or a Nova Scotian Mi'kmaq Band Council.
- must have proven a history of community engagement with arts and culture
- may only receive this award once
- may nominate themselves

Application Process

The following must be included in all nominations:

- A completed application form.
- A brief overview of the organization, community or program (1-page max.)
- A nominator's statement, which answers the following questions:
 - How does the organization/program engage community through arts and culture? (1-page max.)
 - Describe and define the community (communities) that the organization/program serves? (1-page max.)
 - How does the organization/program support positive social impact in their community? Please provide examples. (1-page max.)
- Two letters of support
- Supporting documentation

Supporting Documentation Technical Requirements

Nominators may include documentation that shows the suitability of the nominee for the award. Supporting documentation must adhere to the following:

	Maximum # Submitted	Maximum Length/File Size	Accepted Formats
Audio	3 samples	15 minutes for all material	.cda, .mp3, .m4a and .m4p
Video	3 samples	15 minutes for all material	dvd format, .mp4, .mov, .mpg
Still Images	10 images	2 MB each	.jpg, .tiff, .tif

Application Assessment

Applications will be assessed by a panel comprised of artists and cultural workers and reflective of Nova Scotia's cultural diversity.

Applications will be assessed based on the following factors:

- Openness and accessibility.
- Excellence and innovation.
- Social benefit.
- Commitment to their community and contribution to its well-being.

Application Submission

Applications must be either received in the Arts Nova Scotia office by 4:30 PM on the deadline date or be postmarked no later than the deadline date

- If a deadline falls on a statutory holiday or weekend, the deadline will be extended until the next working day
- Arts Nova Scotia does not accept faxed, late, or incomplete applications; or elements of applications
- Always contact the program officer with enough notice prior to a deadline to ask any questions about the application process

Send completed nomination form to:

In person/courier:

Arts Nova Scotia
1741 Brunswick Street, 3rd floor
Halifax, NS B3J 3X8

By regular mail:

Arts Nova Scotia
PO BOX 456
Halifax, NS B3J 2R5

Applications can be delivered by hand, courier or sent by regular mail but in all cases, must be either received in the Arts Nova Scotia office by 4:30 PM on the deadline date or be postmarked no later than the deadline date.

For more information contact:

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Application Form

Nominee Information

Name: _____

Contact Person/Title _____

Street Address/Box # _____

City/Town: _____ Province: _____

Postal Code: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Nominator Information

If same as above, check here

Contact Person/Title _____

Affiliation: _____

Street Address/Box # _____

City/Town: _____ Province: _____

Postal Code: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Applicant or Nominator's Statement

Include a separate sheet answering the following questions. Maximum one page per question.

1. How does the organization/program engage community through arts and culture?
2. Describe and define the community (communities) that the organization/program serves?
3. How does the organization/program support positive social impact in their community?
Please provide examples.

Date and Signature of the applicant or nominator:

Signature: _____ Date: _____