

*...Celebrating 45 years of Arizona Humanities...*

Arizona Humanities Awards honor and celebrate outstanding contributions to the humanities in our state. Since the inaugural awards in 1990, Arizona Humanities has recognized individuals who have advanced the humanities in Arizona through their scholarship, leadership, support and advocacy.

Nominees are reviewed by the Awards Committee comprised of Arizona Humanities board members and public members. Award categories are: Humanities Public Scholar, Friend of the Humanities, and Humanities Rising Star.

The Arizona Humanities Awards event will take place in the spring of 2018. Please check [www.azhumanities.org](http://www.azhumanities.org) for event details.

**Nomination deadline: Monday, October 9, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.**

### 2018 Nomination Checklist

- A complete nomination packet includes:
  - Online nomination form with two letters of support submitted online: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HumanitiesAwards>. The form includes the nominee's name, contact info, bio, and brief explanation for the nomination, and the nominator's contact info, signature and date.
  - Two (2) letters of support are required for each nomination. The letters should describe the specific accomplishments and contributions that qualify the nominee for the award in accordance with the criteria below. The letters must be on letterhead and include an original signature. Typed signatures will not be accepted. The nominator must provide one letter of support. For self-nominations, both letters of support must be from individuals other than the nominator.

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### Humanities Public Scholar Award

#### **Purpose**

This award recognizes a distinguished humanities scholar who enhances public understanding of the humanities, transforms lives and strengthens communities through civil discourse and community engagement. The award recognizes the dedication and contribution of former executive director Dan Shilling's 19 years of service to Arizona Humanities from 1984-2003.

#### **Criteria**

Letters of support should address how the nominee meets the following criteria:

1. Sustained research (3-5 years), publications, creative activity, and humanities service in Arizona.

2. Consistently serves as a humanities scholar, or public advocate for humanities.
3. Actively and consistently engages the Arizona public in one or more humanities disciplines.
4. Actively and consistently promotes opportunities for people to learn, experience, and explore diverse issues through public programs that foster civil discourse and community engagement.

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### Friend of the Humanities Award

#### **Purpose**

This award recognizes public individuals who make a lasting contribution to the cultural life of their Arizona communities through their active support of and involvement in promoting the humanities. The award recognizes the dedication and contribution of Juliana Yoder during her 21 years of service to the Arizona Humanities.

#### **Criteria**

Letters of support should address how the nominee meets the following criteria:

1. Actively promotes understanding and appreciation of the humanities in the community through their work, volunteerism or leadership at cultural, civic, educational or other organizations.
2. Exemplary outreach and/or advocacy supporting the humanities and access to the humanities.
3. Significant contribution to the community by promoting civil discourse and/or community engagement.

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### Humanities Rising Star Award

#### **Purpose**

This award recognizes a young professional, student, or volunteer with outstanding and creative approaches to engaging the public with the humanities, and whose humanities scholarship and public service, has enhanced public understanding of the humanities.

#### **Criteria**

Letters of support should address how the nominee meets the following criteria:

1. Nominees must be 18-35 years of age.
2. Actively promotes awareness and understanding of the humanities in the community through scholarship, creativity, leadership or volunteerism, and actively advocates for others to support the humanities.
3. Evidence of impact on diverse issues/communities.
4. Actively and consistently promotes opportunities for people to learn, experience, and explore diverse issues through public programs and creative activities that foster civil discourse and community engagement.

### Nomination Guidelines

- Anyone can submit a nomination.
- Self-nominators must provide two support letters from outside sources.
- The nominator must submit one of the two letters of support (unless self-nominating).
- Only complete applications will be accepted.
- Please do not submit supplementary materials.
- Past nominators are encouraged to re-submit nominee applications.
- All nomination packets must be completed online.
- No paper nomination packets will be accepted.

### Submit your nominations at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HumanitiesAwards>

Or click here to start your nomination