

Each year, Arizona Humanities honors individuals, organizations, and/or businesses for their contributions to and advancement of the humanities.

How to Nominate

Nominations of an individual or an organization may be made by anyone. Please note that anyone self-nominating must provide all three support letters from an outside source. Only complete applications will be accepted. Supplementary materials will not be accepted or considered in review.

A complete nomination packet includes:

1. Online nomination form
2. Three (3) letters of support from individuals other than the nominee are required for each nomination. Letters should provide the review committee with the knowledge of how the nominee qualifies for the award in accordance with the criteria. Letters must be on letterhead and include an original signature or secured digital signature. Typed signatures will not be accepted.

Considerations for letters:

- Provide description in detail of what the nominee did, including goals, process, and collaborators. Be sure to include details that show innovation or creativity in developing and implementing humanities programming.
- Show the impact the nominee and their work has had on Arizona communities.
- Describe the long term impact of the nominee's work.
- Illustrate how the project(s) can serve as a replicable example for others and other communities.

Nomination deadline is Friday, September 30, 2016.

All nomination packets must be completed online. No paper nomination packets will be accepted.

Submit an online nomination packet at:

<http://www.azhumanities.org/experiences/humanities-awards/>

Humanities Public Scholar Award

Purpose

This award recognizes a distinguished humanities scholar who has enhanced public understanding of the role that the humanities play in transforming lives and strengthening communities. The award recognizes the dedication and contribution of former executive director Dan Shilling's 19 years of service to Arizona Humanities from 1984-2003. The Arizona Humanities Board established the award to mark Shilling's legacy and scholarly contributions to the humanities.

Criteria

Nominators should address how the nominee meets the following criteria:

1. Nominee has actively and consistently been involved in research, creative activities, and service to Arizona communities.
2. Nominee is consistently engaged in public forums, programming, acts as a humanities scholar, or public advocate for humanities.
3. Nominee actively and consistently engages the Arizona public in one or more humanities disciplines.
4. Nominee actively and consistently promotes opportunities for participants to learn, experience, explore, and reflect on diverse topics with the intent to deepen the experience by helping to make meaning, transform lives, and strengthen communities in their public facing programs.

Friend of the Humanities Award

Purpose

This award recognizes individuals, organizations or businesses that have made a lasting contribution to the cultural life of their 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

Nominators should address how the nominee meets the following criteria:

1. Nominee has consistently been embedded in the community and expresses to others the need for humanities programming through calls to action to other individuals to become involved in the humanities or by providing time or funding to enrich the lives of Arizona residents, and has done so over a number of years.

2. Nominee has actively and consistently promoted and supported humanities in the community in which they live, and has also included other communities in their outreach, resulting in a lasting and rich impact on how people live together, how they communicate, and how they relate to each other.
 3. Nominee actively and consistently promotes opportunities for participants to learn, experience, explore, and reflect on diverse topics with the intent to deepen the experience by helping to make meaning, transform lives, and strengthen communities.
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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. Considerations will focus on scholarship in the humanities, service to the humanities, the enhancement of public understanding of the humanities and other humanities-related endeavors.

Criteria

Nominees for the Humanities Rising Star award must be 18-35 years of age and meet the following qualifications:

1. Nominee has consistently been embedded in the community and expresses to others the need for humanities programming through calls to action to other individuals to become involved in the humanities or by providing time or funding to enrich the lives of Arizona residents, and has done so over a number of years.
2. Nominee has created public programming in the humanities using a creative model/unique that has an impact on a particular community, especially approaches that can be replicated for future programming.
3. Nominee has served in various humanities based activities, supporting the humanities by volunteering their time and experience on other's projects, engaging in, and/or playing a critical role in a humanities program for a specific demographic or diverse population.
4. Nominee actively and consistently promotes opportunities for participants to learn, experience, explore, and reflect on diverse topics with the intent to deepen the experience by helping to make meaning, transform lives, and strengthen communities.