

## COEUR D'ALENE ARTS AWARDS GUIDELINES

The Coeur d'Alene Arts Awards are presented by the Coeur d'Alene Arts Commission and the City of Coeur d'Alene to recognize and encourage excellence in the arts throughout the City.

Nominees may be businesses, organizations, or individuals who have, through distinguished service or creative accomplishment, made a significant contribution to the arts in Coeur d'Alene. Nominees **do not** need to be based or have residence actually within the City Limits. Current Arts Commissioners and their family members are not eligible. Staff and committee chairpersons for the Commission are not eligible.

Recipients will be honored at an awards ceremony held in October.

**INSTRUCTIONS: In one page, please describe the nominee's overall commitment, contribution and service to the arts, as it relates to the category description below for which you are nominating the candidate. Include biographical information, professional achievements, and community involvement. You may also include things such as press clippings, catalogs, resume, annual reports, letters of support.**

### Award Category Criteria:

1. ***Sandi Bloem Arts Legacy Award*** recognizes an individual whose long-term leadership, vision, and dedication have made a lasting and meaningful impact on the arts and cultural life of the Coeur d'Alene Community. This award honors sustained commitment to advancing the arts through advocacy, public service, philanthropy, leadership, community partnerships, or artistic achievement. The recipient's contributions should demonstrate a legacy of strengthening access to the arts and enriching the cultural vitality of Coeur d'Alene for future generations.

Nominations will be evaluated on:

- A. Long-term commitment and service to the arts and humanities
- B. Demonstrated leadership and community impact
- C. Advancement of arts education, accessibility, and public engagement
- D. Support for artists, arts organizations, or cultural initiatives
- E. Lasting contributions that have strengthened the cultural identity and quality of life in Coeur d'Alene
- F. Ability to inspire future generations through advocacy, mentorship, or vision

2. ***Excellence in the Arts*** recognizes artists who have made a significant contribution to the arts in Coeur d'Alene, and who have demonstrated a high degree of artistic excellence in any discipline including performing, visual or literary arts. Nominations should include documentation of artist's work.

Nominations will be evaluated on:

- A. Quality and/or originality of work.
- B. Scope of artist's audience (local, state, regional);

- C. Awards and recognition previously received;
- D. Community participation in the arts;

3. **Support of the Arts** recognizes individuals, businesses or organizations that have made a significant contribution to the arts in Coeur d'Alene.

Nominations will be evaluated on:

- A. Years of commitment to support the arts in Coeur d'Alene;
- B. Overall involvement in support of the arts.
- C. Type of support (volunteer service on boards, lectures, financial).

4. **Emerging Arts** recognizes an emerging artist, arts leader, educator, organization, or advocate who has demonstrated exceptional promise, creativity, and commitment to strengthening the arts in the Coeur d'Alene community.

This award celebrates individuals or groups who are making a notable impact early in their artistic, professional, or community leadership journey and who show strong potential for continued contributions to the arts.

Nominations will be evaluated on:

- A. Demonstrated creativity, innovation, and artistic excellence
- B. Emerging leadership and community involvement in the arts
- C. Commitment to growth, collaboration, and future contributions
- D. Evidence of achievement within the early stages of an artistic career

5. **Arts in Education** recognizes educators, individuals, businesses or organizations for their efforts to strengthen public arts education in the geographic area of School District 271.

Nominations will be evaluated on:

- A. Overall impact on making the arts a vital part of the basic curriculum.
- B. Degrees of advocacy for arts education in the schools and community;
- C. Years of commitment to arts education;

6. **Student Excellence in the Arts** recognizes Coeur d'Alene area student artists (School District 271 students in grades 9-12, and North Idaho College students) who have dedicated a significant portion of their youth working to develop and manifest their individual creativity within any discipline of art including performance, visual or literary arts. Nominations should include documentation of the artist's work.

Nominations will be evaluated on:

- A. Quality and/or originality of work.
- B. Progression and development of artistic discipline(s).
- C. Awards and recognitions previously received.
- D. Community participation in the arts.

# COEUR D'ALENE ARTS AWARDS Nomination Form

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**NOMINEE Name**

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Address

Phone / Email

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**Select Category (Choose One):**

Sandi Bloem Arts Legacy Award

Excellence in the Arts

Support of the Arts

Arts in Education

Emerging Arts

Student Excellence in the Arts

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**NOMINATOR Name**

**Address**

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Phone / Email

Relationship to Nominee

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## **Certification**

As a nominator for the Coeur d'Alene Arts Awards, I certify the information contained in this nomination packet to be accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature

Date

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**Deadline for Nominations is **August 28, 2026****

*Mail or Email to:*

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