

The Manitoba Arts Award of Distinction recognizes the outstanding accomplishments of a Manitoban artist, Indigenous Knowledge Keeper, or arts/cultural professional through an annual prize.

## **Deadline**

December 15

## **Notification of results**

By March 31

## **Prize amount**

\$30,000

## **Candidate** - who can be nominated

- Professional artists
- Indigenous Knowledge Keepers
- Arts/cultural professionals

Note: All nominated candidates must have a permanent physical address in Manitoba. Candidates must have lived in Manitoba for at least one full year immediately preceding application to the Manitoba Arts Council. Nominators do not need to be Manitoba residents.

Candidates may only receive this prize once.

## **Nominator**– who can nominate

Individuals, groups, or organizations that have no conflict of interest with the candidate.

## **Assessment** – how decisions are made

The award recipient will be determined by a peer assessment panel based on the following criteria:

- Excellence of the candidate's work
- Contribution to Manitoba's arts and culture sector

Note: Refer to the Peer Assessment Handbook for more information.

## **Resources**

### [Accessibility](#)

If you are D/deaf or living with a disability, you can request extra funding to cover the costs of accessibility-related supports and services through Helpdesk.

## Offline applications

MAC provides offline application forms (PDF or hard copy) for applicants who have limited internet access and/or do not have reasonable access to a public internet source, such as a public library.

## Program consultants

If you have any questions about the program, a Program Consultant can speak with you about your project idea and review a draft of your application. Consultations are in high demand closer to the application deadline, so we suggest you contact us as soon as possible.

## Help Desk

To get in touch with the appropriate program consultant, to get technical assistance with Manipogo (MAC's online application system), or to request [an offline application or accessibility assistance form](#), contact our Help Desk during our regular business hours (8:30-4:30, Monday to Friday).

## Help Desk

Phone: 204-945-2237

Toll-Free: 1-866-994-2787

Email: [helpdesk@artscouncil.mb.ca](mailto:helpdesk@artscouncil.mb.ca)

## Nomination content

MAC now receives nominations through our Online Application System. In order to apply, you will need to have a valid profile in the Online Application System.

### 1. Candidate information

You will be asked to provide contact information and resume/curriculum vitae or biography of the candidate.

### 2. Acceptance of nomination

The individual that you are nominating for this prize needs to accept the nomination. Invite the candidate to complete the acceptance of nomination within the application.

### 3. Nomination information

- Describe why the candidate should receive the award. (1,500 words)  
Consider, for example:
  - What does the candidate do?
  - How would you describe the candidate's work?
  - What are the candidate's accomplishments?
  - How or by whom have the candidate's accomplishments been recognized?
  - What are the significant and/or ongoing contributions they make to Manitoba, the artform, their arts or cultural community, and beyond? If their work involves a specific community, who is that community, and what is the impact of their work in that community?
  - Does the candidate's work demonstrate the power of arts and culture to make the world a meaningful place?
- Additional information that has not been asked that is essential to understanding your nomination. (250 words)

### 4. References

You will be asked include two letters of reference in support of the candidate. The letters of reference should include the relationship the author has with the candidate in addition to describing why the candidate is deserving of the award.

## 5. Support materials

Support material should be samples of the candidate's work or activities to provide a context for your nomination. You will be asked to submit a minimum of one, and up to a maximum of three items of support material.

The following count as **one item**:



up to 5 digital images **OR**



up to 15 pages of text **OR**



up to 4 minutes of audio or video

For instance, your three items can be a total of 15 images, or 45 pages of text, or 12 minutes of audio/video. But you can also submit a combination of images, text, and recordings, as long as it falls within the limits.

You will be asked to describe how the support material relates to this nomination. (500 words)

For further details on support material requirements, [see our General Guidelines](#).

## Assessor review questions

A multidisciplinary panel composed of peers and community members will determine the recipient of the award. The principal considerations will be the excellence demonstrated by the candidate's work and the candidate's contribution to Manitoba's arts and culture sector.

Assessors will use the following statements established for this program to make their decision. Assessors will only consider those statements that apply directly to your nomination. MAC accepts the decision of the panel as final.

1. Through their work, the candidate has made a significant impact in Manitoba's arts and culture sector.
2. The candidate has dedicated their career to arts/culture, and has demonstrated many accomplishments within the sector.
3. The candidate is valued, appreciated, and respected by their peers for the excellence of their work.
4. The candidate is valued, appreciated, and respected by their community for the excellence of their work.
5. The candidate has achieved regional, provincial, national, and/or international recognition for their work.
6. The candidate's work demonstrates the power of arts and culture to make the world a meaningful place.
7. On a scale of 1 to 5, how would you score the nomination (5 being the highest recommendation and 1 being the lowest)?
8. If you feel strongly about this candidate, explain why you believe they should receive the Manitoba Arts Award of Distinction. (250 words)