

2025 Port Townsend Art Awards Outline and Information

Action Plan & Timeline

Nominations Open: October 15, 2025

Nominations Close: December 31, 2025

Jurying and Deliberation: February 5, 2026

Ceremony Date: Friday, February 27, 2026

Arts Commission Meeting Dates: Oct. 2, Nov. 6, Dec. 4, Jan. 8, Feb. 5

Scoring Rubric

Artistic Excellence (25%): originality, mastery, recognition.

- Shows continued success

Community Impact (30%): how many people are touched, how deep the contribution goes, accessibility.

- Promotes tourism/culturalism
- Tangible connection to local arts community

Alignment with Civic Values (20%): does it advance what the city says it wants for arts + culture?

- Represent broad array of Arts community: performance, music, supporters/advocates, visual
- Strong nomination materials
- Is submitted by the deadline

Equity & Inclusion (15%): does it expand access, represent marginalized voices, or break down barriers?

- Fosters education
- Publicly nominated

Distinction & Legacy (10%): will this contribution resonate beyond the moment?

- “Uniquely Port Townsend/East Jefferson County

	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	POSSIBLE TOTAL	SCORE
Artistic Excellence	20-25	13-19	7-12	0-6	25	
Community Impact	23-30	15-22	7-14	0-7	30	
Alignment with Civic Values	16-20	11-15	4-10	0-4	20	
Equity & Inclusion	12-15	8-11	4-7	0-3	15	
Distinction & Legacy	8-10	5-7	2-5	0-2	10	
Total					100	

Nomination and Jurying

The Port Townsend Art Awards honor notable works of art, artistic achievements and arts events, and celebrate those who have contributed to the arts in Port Townsend and East Jefferson County. Award winners are chosen based on nominations submitted by community members.

Nominations are invited for individual artists, businesses, benefactors for the arts, arts educators, arts supporters, notable art related events and artistic achievements from individuals and organizations.

Nominations are due by midnight on December 31st, 2025.

This is the criteria by which the Port Townsend Art Awards will be selected:

- Is uniquely Port Townsend/East Jefferson County;
- Shows continued success;
- Has a tangible connection to the local arts community;
- Promotes tourism/culturalism;
- Fosters education;
- Presents strong nomination materials;
- Is publicly nominated;
- Represents a broad array of the arts community: performance, music, supporters/advocates, visual arts;
- Is submitted by the deadline.

Other Details

- Only one nomination may be made per form
- The number of nominations received for each nominee has no bearing on the selection process
- It is highly advisable to collaborate with the nominee to ensure a competitive nomination packet
- Be sure to include all relevant details explaining your nomination

The jury for the awards will be made up of the members of the Port Townsend Arts Commission as of January 2026. All nominations will be delivered to the Arts Commissioners to score using the included rubric. Scores will be tallied and awardees deliberated at the February 5th PTAC meeting and honorees notified by February 10th. We encourage all nominees and nominators to save the date for the awards ceremony on February 27th.

Nomination Form Questions

Your Information

Date

Name *

Organization Name (if applicable)

Email address *

Phone number *

Mailing Address *

Nominee Information

Is this nominee an individual or an organization/business/group?

- Individual
- Organization/Business/Group

Nominee Name(s) *

Nominee phone number

Nominee Email address *

Has nominee received a City of Port Townsend Arts Award (Angel or Patron of the Arts) in the past

- Yes
- No
- Unknown

Which of these disciplines best fit the nominee's work? (You may choose as many as needed.)

- Visual Arts
- Literary Arts
- Performing Arts
- Culinary Arts
- Craft/Maker Arts
- Film/New Media Arts
- Arts Supporter/Volunteer/Champion

Nomination Narrative

Please provide a brief summary of the nominee's contributions to the arts and culture of Port Townsend and why you are nominating them to receive an art award. *

(This section has a character count restriction of 800 characters)

Does the nominee have a website where we can learn more about them? If so, please provide it here:

Additional Information

If you have additional materials to support your nomination, please upload them here. This can include, and is not limited to: resumes, pictures, videos and news articles (five files max).