

Prize Details

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.

Important Dates

Application deadline: December 15

Notification of results: March 31

Prize amount

\$30,000

Candidate - who can be nominated

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

Candidates must have lived in Manitoba for at least one full year immediately preceding application to the Manitoba Arts Council and must have a permanent physical address in Manitoba.

A candidate may only receive the Manitoba Arts Award of Distinction once in their lifetime.

A candidate may only be nominated once per year.

Nominator - who can nominate

Individuals, groups, or organizations that have no conflict of interest with the candidate. Nominators do not need to be Manitoba residents.

Assessment - how decisions are made

The award recipient will be determined by an external 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 Granting Decision Process for more information.

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Looking for help?

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. Visit our [Accessibility webpage](#) for an application form or contact MAC's Help Desk to learn more.

Offline applications

Applicants who are D/deaf or living with a disability who require an accessible application, or those who have limited internet access may apply using our Printable or fillable PDF application forms. These applications are available on each grant's webpage.

Program consultants

If you have any questions about the grant, 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 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday).

Help Desk

Phone: 204-945-2237

Toll-Free: 1-866-994-2787

Email: helpdesk@artscouncil.mb.ca

Nomination content

MAC receives grant applications through Manipogo, our online application system. To submit a nomination, [create a profile in our 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. (maximum of 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?

1. References

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

2. 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**:

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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.
(maximum of 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 prize 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.