

EXCELLENCE IN THE ARTS AWARDS APPLICATION

The Somerset County Cultural and Heritage Commission is pleased to announce it is accepting nominations for the 2009 Excellence in the Arts Awards, dedicated to honoring those individuals and organizations demonstrating exemplary leadership in and dedication to fostering the fine and performing arts in Somerset County. We are looking forward to celebrating those leaders, visionaries, partners, educators and volunteers in our communities who, through their passion and creative excellence, have increased the visibility and viability of the arts and arts education for the residents of Somerset County.

The purpose of the awards program is to (1) increase public awareness of the fine and performing arts and arts education in Somerset County, (2) highlight models of innovative and successful business partnerships, educational programming, volunteerism and outreach for the fine and performing arts for other organizations, (3) promote excellence in the fine and performing arts, and (4) celebrate exemplary individuals, organizations and corporations.

Awardees will be honored at a ceremony and dinner at Twin Brooks Country Club in Watchung on October 1, 2009. In addition to the awards, the Friends of Somerset County Culture and Heritage, Inc. will present a \$500 scholarship to a high school senior or college student to be used for his/her continuing study of the arts.

This program is sponsored by the Somerset County Cultural and Heritage Commission, the Friends of Somerset County Culture & Heritage, Inc., and the Board of Chosen Freeholders. It is administered by the Cultural and Heritage Commission's Excellence in the Arts Awards Committee comprised of Commission Board members, Cultural and Heritage office staff and Advisory Committee members.

Nomination guidelines are attached. Awardees will be notified by September 4, 2009.

Application Deadline: June 26, 2009



NOMINATION GUIDELINES

1. 2009 Excellence in the Arts Award nominations are open to all residents of Somerset County and those whose work in or for the arts primarily benefits the residents of Somerset County. Nominees for the Aspiring Young Artist category must reside in Somerset County, but may be attending an institution out of Somerset County or the State of New Jersey.
2. All nominations must be submitted using the attached Excellence in the Arts Award nomination form. All nomination forms must include narrative information and support materials. Materials will not be returned. Five (5) copies of the nomination form and support materials are to be submitted to:
**Somerset County
Cultural and Heritage Commission
20 Grove St., P.O. Box 3000, Somerville, N.J.,
08876-1262, Attn: Sallie de Barcza – no later
than June 26, 2009.**
3. Self-nominations will not be accepted.
4. More than one award may be given in any one category, but awards may not necessarily be granted in each category.
5. Awardees will be notified by September 4, 2009 and will be honored at a ceremony and dinner at Twin Brooks Country Club, Watchung, NJ on Thursday, October 1, 2009. Award recipients' attendance at the Awards Ceremony is required.
6. Suggested support materials include: detailed description of nominee's credentials, résumé, biography, examples of artwork, letters of support, business plan for the successful partnership effort, outline of nominee's successful arts program, description of outreach methods, event bulletins, press/media articles, programs, etc.
7. References will be contacted during the review process.
8. Please address any questions to **Ann Rosenblum, President – Somerset County Cultural and Heritage Commission** at **SomersetArtsAwards@yahoo.com** or to **Sallie de Barcza, Program Coordinator**, at **debarcza@co.somerset.nj.us** or **908-231-7000, ext. 7246, TDD: 908-231-7168.**
9. Nomination forms are available online at: **www.co.somerset.nj.us**



NOMINATION FORM 2009

The Somerset County community celebrates the arts with the 2009 Excellence in Arts Awards honoring those individuals and organizations demonstrating exemplary leadership in and dedication to fostering the fine and performing arts in Somerset County.

Name of Nominee

Title

Corporate/Organization Affiliation

Address

Apt. #

City

County

State

Zip

Age/Grade (if student)

Phone (home)

Cell

Fax

Email

Classification of Nominee:

(PLEASE CHECK)

- Individual
- Corporation/Business
- Organization

Classification of Nomination:

ARTS IN EDUCATION OR MENTORSHIP

Awarded to an educator, instructor or education affiliate (PTA, Board of Ed., Performing Arts/Music School) making outstanding contributions to the enhancement of arts education by consistently inspiring and encouraging the fine or performing arts in their students.

ARTS IN THE COMMUNITY

Awarded to an individual, corporation or local organization demonstrating exemplary dedication to inspiring and encouraging the fine or performing arts in a Somerset County community or in the County overall in one of the following areas: (please check).

- Innovative, Inclusive and Inspiring Arts Programming
- Outstanding Vision and Leadership
- Dedication to Arts Access and Outreach
- Exemplary Partnership(s) serving the Arts
- Volunteerism and Philanthropy

ASPIRING YOUNG ARTIST

Awarded to a Somerset County high school or college student who has consistently demonstrated excellence in and a commitment to the fine or performing arts, aspires to a career in the fine or performing arts and is a role model of good citizenship to his/her peers. The Friends of Somerset County Culture & Heritage, Inc. will present one \$500 scholarship to an Aspiring Young Artist awardee to be used for his/her continuing study of the arts.



SOMERSET COUNTY CULTURAL & HERITAGE COMMISSION



Nominated by:

Name

Corporate/Organization Affiliation

Address Apt. #

Phone

Email

Fax

Relationship to Nominee

Please explain why you think your nominee should be honored with an EXCELLENCE in the ARTS Award from the SCC&HC.

Please attach a computer generated narrative (no more than four pages) explaining how your nominee has demonstrated exemplary leadership in and dedication to fostering the arts in Somerset County and in which category they will be nominated and why. If applicable, please list sites or venues where we might be able to view or observe the nominee's artistry. **Please note: No materials will be returned.**

Please provide three other references from your organization, corporation, school or other third party to support your candidate's nomination for the EXCELLENCE in the ARTS Award 2009: (Please note: references will be contacted during the review process.)

Name

Phone

Email

Relationship to Nominee

Name

Phone

Email

Relationship to Nominee

Name

Phone

Email

Relationship to Nominee

Signature of Nominator

Date

Please submit 5 copies of this completed form, attached narrative and any support materials to: **Somerset County Cultural and Heritage Commission, 20 Grove St., P.O. Box 3000, Somerville, NJ, 08876-1262, Attn: Sallie de Barcza** – no later than **June 26, 2009**. Awardees will be notified by September 4, 2009, and celebrated at a ceremony and dinner at Twin Brooks Country Club, Watchung, NJ on October 1, 2009.

Awardees' attendance at the Award Ceremony is required and some may be asked to perform or display their work as part of the evening's festivities.

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