



2025 marks the 25th anniversary of the **Phoenix Awards**! The [Phoenix Awards](#) are given bi-annually by the [Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission](#) to recognize outstanding artistic achievements in the Lawrence community—particularly those whose work is extraordinary and who have a lasting impact on the Lawrence Cultural Community. Members of the public are invited to make nominations. Eligible nominees include emerging and established artists working in the visual, literary, musical, theatrical, and media arts. Arts educators, administrators, patrons, supportive entities, advocates, and volunteers are also eligible. Students are not eligible. At the discretion of the Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission, a nominee may be chosen for a special Exceptional Artistic Achievement award.

This year's awardees will be recognized at a ceremony at the Inclusive Winter Market in December at the Lied Center and presented a Phoenix Award designed and constructed by local artist C. Bryan Young.



2025 Nomination Instructions

DEADLINE: Tuesday, September 30, 2025, 4:00 p.m.

You can use the instructions below to prepare the nomination information before filling out the online form here:

1. Nominee and Nominator

Provide the name, address, phone, and email for **both** the Nominee and the Nominator. (Please note that family members are not eligible to nominate other family members and self-nominations are not accepted.)

2. Nomination (500-750 words)

The narrative of your nomination should address:

- a) Why you believe the nominee deserves a Phoenix Award including a description of the contributions that the nominee has made to the level of excellence in and/or access to the arts in the community.
- b) The breadth and depth of the nominee's artistic or arts-related activities,

3. Support Materials (submit all three)

- a) A one-page letter of support from someone—other than the nominator or a family member of the nominee—who is well acquainted with the nominee's work in the arts.
- b) A one page resume, CV or list of the nominee's achievements in the arts.
- c) No more than three supporting documents of your choice, i.e. newspaper articles, CD's, websites, YouTube video link, additional letters, or reviews.

4. Submit the online form or Email, Mail or Deliver your completed nomination by 4:00 p.m. Friday, September 30, 2025, to: Phoenix Award, 1141 Massachusetts Street, Lawrence, KS 66044

If you have questions about the Phoenix Awards or the nomination process, contact Porter Arneill at 785.832.3449 or parneill@lawrenceks.org