



2026 TAMMY DE WEERD'S AWARDS IN THE ARTS ANNOUNCEMENT

The Meridian Arts Commission (MAC) is seeking nominations for the 4th biennial Tammy de Weerd's Awards in the Arts.

Below, you will find a 2026 Nomination Form and corresponding guidelines. Please note that nominations must be submitted by Tuesday June 23, 2026, at 3:00pm. MAC intends that the Tammy de Weerd's Awards in the Arts will be a biennial event. Awards will be announced in a brief ceremony during the Morrison Center's Neighborhood Concert Series at Bear Creek Park in Meridian at 6:25pm on Wednesday, August 26, 2026. Please consider nominating a deserving individual, student, business or organization, and/or an art educator for these awards.

Thank you for your dedicated support and promotion of the arts. If you have any questions regarding the nominations, please contact MAC at mac@meridiacity.org.

2026 TAMMY DE WEERD'S AWARDS IN THE ARTS GUIDELINES

The Tammy de Weerd's Awards in the Arts are presented by MAC to recognize and encourage excellence in the arts throughout the City of Meridian. Nominees may be businesses, organizations, or individuals who have made a significant contribution to the arts in Meridian, through distinguished service or creative accomplishments. Recipients will be recognized at an awards ceremony during the Morrison Center's Neighborhood Concert Series at Bear Creek Park in Meridian at 6:25pm Wednesday, August 26, 2026.

Eligibility: Nominees should be residents of Meridian, or work in the capacity of an art educator in Meridian schools, or have a business that supports the arts in Meridian. City of Meridian staff, current Arts Commissioners, and their family members are not eligible to receive awards.

Instructions: In a one-page letter please describe the nominee's overall commitment, contribution, and service to the arts as it relates to the criteria for the category that you are nominating the candidate. Include relevant biographical information, professional achievements, and community involvement. As part of your nomination, you may also include supplementary materials such as press clippings, catalogs, resumes, annual reports and additional letters of support. Attach the letter and any supplementary materials to the Nomination Form.

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2026 TAMMY DE WEERD'S AWARDS IN THE ARTS AWARD CATEGORIES AND CRITERIA

- ***Excellence in the Arts*** recognizes artists who have made a significant contribution to the arts in Meridian, and who have demonstrated a high degree of artistic excellence in any discipline including performing, visual, or literary arts. Nominations should include documentation of the artist's work. Nominations may be evaluated on:
 - A. Quality and/or originality of work;
 - B. Scope of the artist's audience (i.e., local, state, regional);
 - C. Awards and recognition previously received;
 - D. Community participation in the arts.

- ***Support of the Arts*** recognizes individuals, businesses or organizations that have made a significant contribution to the arts in Meridian. Nominations may be evaluated on:
 - A. Years of commitment to support the arts in Meridian;
 - B. Overall involvement in support of the arts;
 - C. Type of support (volunteer service on boards, lectures, financial).

- ***Arts in Education*** recognizes educators, individuals, businesses, or organizations for their efforts to strengthen public arts education in the geographic area of Meridian schools. Nominations may be evaluated on:
 - A. Overall impact on making the arts a vital part of the basic curriculum;
 - B. Degrees of advocacy for arts education in the schools and community;
 - C. Years of commitment to arts education.

- ***Student Excellence in the Arts*** recognizes Meridian area student artists grades 9-12 who have dedicated a significant portion of their youth working to develop and manifest their individual creativity within any discipline of art including performance, visual or literary arts. Nominations should include documentation of the artist's work. Nominations may be evaluated on:
 - A. Quality and/or originality of work;
 - B. Progression and development of artistic discipline(s);
 - C. Awards and recognitions previously received;
 - D. Community participation in the arts.



2026 TAMMY DE WEERD'S AWARDS IN THE ARTS NOMINATION FORM

NOMINEE

Name: _____
Address: _____
Email: _____
Phone: _____ **Website (if available):** _____

Select Category (Choose One):

Excellence in the Arts Support of the Arts Arts in Education Student Excellence in the Arts

Nominator Name: _____
Address: _____
Email: _____
Phone: _____ **Relationship to Nominee:** _____

CERTIFICATION:

As a nominator for the Tammy de Weerd's Awards in the Arts, I certify the information contained in this nomination packet to be accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Deadline for Nominations: Tuesday, June 23, 2026 at 3:00pm

Mail hard copy submissions to:

City of Meridian
Attn: Meridian Arts Commission
33 E. Broadway Ave., Suite 206
Meridian, ID 83642

Email submissions to mac@meridiantcity.org

or

Email subject line MUST READ: Awards in the Arts Nomination. All materials must be submitted in one email with all files included as a single, merged PDF file.

Questions: email MAC at mac@meridiantcity.org