



ARTS AND CULTURAL RECOGNITION



Arts Award

2026 COMMUNITY AWARDS | OFFICIAL NOMINATION FORM

The Silver City Grant County Chamber of Commerce is recognizing an artist, group, program, organization, gallery, or creative business whose artistic excellence, public engagement, and community impact strengthen Grant County's cultural identity and creative economy.

Nomination deadline: October 23, 2026. Recipients will be announced in conjunction with the Chamber's 2026 Annual Community Awards Banquet. Fields marked * are required.

ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION REQUIREMENTS

- 1 May be an individual artist, ensemble, informal group, arts program, nonprofit, business, gallery, cooperative, or other creative organization.
- 2 Is based in Grant County or has made a substantial and identifiable artistic contribution to Grant County.
- 3 Demonstrates excellence in the visual, performing, literary, media, folk, traditional, digital, or multidisciplinary arts.
- 4 Has shown meaningful artistic achievement, innovation, growth, or community impact during the past two years.
- 5 Expands access to the arts through education, collaboration, exhibitions, performances, programs, or public engagement.
- 6 Contributes positively to local artists, audiences, cultural identity, tourism, or the creative economy.

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Nominated artist, group, program, organization, or business *

Nominee type (individual, group, nonprofit, business, gallery, program, or other) *

Primary artistic discipline or focus *

Primary contact or representative, if applicable (optional)

Community or location in Grant County *

Phone number or email, if known (optional)

Website, portfolio, or social-media page (optional)

Years contributing to the arts in Grant County *

Approximate audience, participants, or artists served in the past year (optional)



NOMINATION QUESTIONS

- 1** Describe the nominee's artistic discipline, body of work, mission, program, or creative focus. *

- 2** Describe the nominee's most important productions, exhibitions, performances, publications, programs, partnerships, or accomplishments during the past two years. *

- 3** Explain how the nominee creates opportunities for artists, audiences, students, or community members through the arts. *

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NOMINATION QUESTIONS - CONTINUED

- 4 Provide examples of public engagement, arts education, accessibility, collaboration, innovation, or service to the community. *

- 5 Provide measurable results where possible, such as attendance, participants, artists supported, productions or programs presented, audience reach, sales, tourism, or economic impact. *

- 6 Explain why this nominee should receive the Grant County Arts Award. *

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OPTIONAL SUPPORTING MATERIALS

Optional: up to three work samples, portfolio or performance links, photographs, event or exhibition materials, media articles, testimonials, letters of support, or other materials documenting artistic quality and community impact.

Digital PDF: Download and open this form in Adobe Acrobat or Reader, then attach up to three files below. Save the PDF after attaching.

ATTACH FILE 1

ATTACH FILE 2

ATTACH FILE 3

List the supporting files or documents included with this nomination:

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Nominator's name *

Phone number *

Email address *

Relationship to nominee *

May the Chamber contact you if clarification is needed? *

I certify that the information provided is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Nominator's typed signature *

Date *

SUBMISSION OPTIONS

- **Deadline:** Submit completed nominations by **October 23, 2026**.
- **Email:** Save this completed PDF and send it, with any optional supporting files, to **director@silvercity.org**.
- **Hand delivery:** 3031 US Highway 180 East, Silver City, New Mexico 88061.
- **Mail:** P.O. Box 1028, Silver City, New Mexico 88062.
- **Questions:** (575) 538-3785. Only one nomination is needed; multiple nominations do not improve a nominee's chances.

Thank you for helping the Chamber recognize the people, businesses, and organizations that strengthen Grant County.