



## ARTS AWARDS

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

DEADLINE TO APPLY: FRIDAY, AUGUST 24, 2018

<https://www.mcaocala.com/2018-mca-arts-awards/>

MCA's Applaud the Arts signature event is a celebration of our community's arts community with live performances, the award of MCA's Cultural Grants and **MCA Arts Awards**. The event is Thursday, September 20, 2018 is held at the Reilly Arts Center, with a tapas and libations reception at the Discovery Center beginning at 6 pm.

**MCA is accepting nominations for the following categories:**

### EDUCATION AWARD

Recognizes an arts educator who utilizes the arts as a tool for achieving excellence.

### VISION AWARD

Recognizes an individual or an organization in Ocala/Marion County for their outstanding advocacy of the arts.

### SERVICE AWARD

Recognizes an exceptional individual for their dedicated volunteerism in the arts and contribution to the arts community as a whole.

### Event Details

Applaud the Arts-The Greatest Show-Thursday, September 20, 2018

The event begins at the Discovery Center at 6 pm with libations and tapas from many of Ocala's top chefs. Attendees then move to the Reilly Arts Center for Applaud the Arts-The Greatest Show.

## Eligibility

Awards are open to Ocala/Marion County arts profit or nonprofit organizations, city, county, schools, arts organization volunteers, and arts enthusiasts in Ocala/Marion County.

Nominations for these awards will be evaluated based on each nominee's level of excellence in:

- Advocacy for the arts
- Promotion of the arts
- Support of the arts

## The top three finalists in each category will receive:

- Recognition in event publicity including print and social media
- Pre-event media release
- Recognition in the event program
- Podium recognition
- Two complimentary tickets to Applaud the Arts

The MCA Award winner in each category will receive all the above plus:

- A specially designed award
- Post-event media release announcing the final honorees
- Recognition on social media

## Nomination/Application Instructions

The application form and required materials can be found at the link below. Self-nominations are accepted. Entries must be submitted online at <https://www.mcaocala.com/2018-mca-arts-awards/>

Please be prepared to upload supporting materials or images. DEADLINE: Friday, August 24, 2018

## Selection Process

The MCA Arts Awards Selection committee, chaired by MCA Board member Ellen Amatea, will review all applications based on the criteria stated above and completion of the application materials. Three finalists will be chosen in each category and will be reviewed and approved by the MCA Board of Directors. The three finalists in each category will receive publicity before and during the event. One honoree in each category will be announced live at Applaud the Arts on Thursday, September 20, 2018.

Questions? Email MCA Arts Awards Chairman and MCA Board member Ellen Amatea [ellenamatea@gmail.com](mailto:ellenamatea@gmail.com)