



Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism
Office of Cultural Development

Call to Artists Louisiana Culture Awards

1. **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The Office of Cultural Development (OCD) is seeking an artist to create an original award that will be given to honorees at the Louisiana Culture Awards on April 14, 2015. The Louisiana Culture Awards, sponsored by the Office of the Lt. Governor and OCD, in partnership with the Louisiana State Arts Council, the Louisiana Trust for Historic Preservation, the Louisiana Archaeological Survey and Antiquities Commission and the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana, recognize individuals and organizations making outstanding contributions to Louisiana's culture. The selected artist will receive statewide exposure through acknowledgement in the 2015 Culture Connection program and at the 2015 Culture Awards.

2. **BUDGET**

The available project budget is \$4,500 for 18 awards, inclusive of all costs including materials, base, fabrication, and travel. The selected artist will be required to provide a sample of the award for final approval by OCD.

3. **HOW TO APPLY**

Submit the following by 4:00 p.m. CDT on **January 5, 2014**, via email to Danny Belanger at dbelanger@crt.la.gov:

- Résumé
- Letter of Interest & Artist Statement - Brief statement summarizing your methods of working and interest in this project.
- Five (5) images of previously completed, original artwork

4. **SELECTION PROCESS AND CRITERIA**

A limited number of artists will be invited to develop a proposal for the award. OCD staff will evaluate submissions based on the following criteria:

- Artistic excellence, originality, and creativity
- Appropriateness of artist's medium, style, and previous experience

Finalists invited to develop a proposal will be notified by **January 9, 2015**. OCD will provide additional details for the award to the finalists. Proposals will be due by **January 30, 2015**. At the conclusion of the proposal process, each finalist will be compensated \$150 for participation in the proposal stage.

The selected artist will be notified by **February 13, 2015**. Delivery of the awards to OCD must occur by **April 1, 2015**.

5. **OVERALL DESIGN PARAMETERS**

The design for the award should reflect the theme of the 2015 Culture Connection, which will focus on future growth based on Louisiana's deep cultural roots and traditions. The award must:

- Be a unique, original design
- Have a total height of 8 to 12 inches
- Be attached to a base that allows for a name plaque to be affixed and the award to be free standing.

Please direct questions to Danny Belanger, Director of Arts Education, Louisiana Division of the Arts, at 225-342-8209 or dbelanger@crt.la.gov.

NOTE: OCD reserves the right to reject any or all applications or proposals, to reject any finalist, or to terminate the selection process for any project without prior notice.