

# The Marie Darlin Prize Requisites



The Marie Darlin Prize recognizes outstanding works of artistic, literary, performative, or scholarly merit that concern the cultures and peoples of Southeast Alaska. The prize is awarded annually to an individual or collaboration whose work expresses a commitment to the region's social or cultural history, community advocacy, or Indigenous identity.

In accordance with the wishes of Marie Darlin and donors, the Juneau-Douglas City Museum administers the Marie Darlin Prize, and the Juneau Community Foundation oversees the fund. Prize contenders are writers, visual artists, performing artists, or scholars from Alaska or elsewhere who have completed a significant work that emphasizes community values and regional identity. Applicants are reviewed by a selection committee which determines the winner. A cash prize of \$5,000 is awarded annually and may be used as the recipient wishes.

## Eligibility

Individuals applying or nominated for the award must be either a U.S. citizen or U.S. tax-eligible citizen of another nation. Potential awardees may also be nominated by an individual or organization.

Eligible applicants are:

- Writers of fiction, poetry, nonfiction, or scholarly works.
- Practitioners of visual, plastic, graphic, fiber or traditional arts and crafts.
- Performers, directors, or creators of theater, music, film, or dance.

Applicants must have completed a work of enduring value that has within the past five years been published by a notable press, featured in a solo or group exhibition, or performed at a significant venue.

## Application

Any individual or organization may submit an application or put forward a nominee for the Marie Darlin Prize. Required materials for selection committee consideration:

- A letter addressed to the Marie Darlin Prize Committee that details how the work of writer, artist, performance artist or creator expresses a commitment to community advocacy, or Indigenous or regional identity in Southeast Alaska,
- Additional letters of support from community members or organizations who have been inspired by or benefited from the applicant's work.
- A two-page resume or vitae that highlights the applicant's record of accomplishments.

## Submission

Nomination or application materials must be submitted by mail, or electronically in PDF format, to:

- Marie Darlin Prize Nomination  
Juneau-Douglas City Museum  
114 W. 4th Street  
Juneau, AK 99801
- Email: [museum.info@juneau.org](mailto:museum.info@juneau.org)
- Subject: Marie Darlin Prize Nomination
- Salutation: Members of the Marie Darlin Prize Committee

Submissions received between November 1<sup>st</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup> are eligible for award during the calendar year of the closing date. Nominations remain under active consideration for a five-year period.

## Selection

Nominations are reviewed annually by a selection committee, composed of:

- Juneau-Douglas City Museum Curator or Director
- Recognized visual, plastic, graphic or traditional artist
- Published literary author or poet
- Professional director, playwright, composer or choreographer
- Professional historian or journalist
- Regional culture bearer

The Juneau-Douglas City Museum Curator oversees the committee's deliberations of nominees. The committee votes upon and recommends the annual prize recipient. The Juneau-Douglas City Museum Director confirms the recommendation or, in the case of a tie, casts the deciding vote.

The annual recipient of the Marie Darlin Prize is personally notified and a press release is sent out by September 15. The recipient is honored at an award banquet the following month.

## Award Recipients

Marie Darlin Prize recipients:

- Are publically recognized at an annual event of invited guests.
- Receive a commemorative gift.
- Receive a cash prize of \$5,000.
- Have their names added to the Marie Darlin Prize commemorative plaque on permanent display in the Juneau-Douglas City Museum.
- Gain further recognition through a profile posted next to the Marie Darlin Prize plaque for one year at the on the Juneau–Douglas City Museum, as well as a permanently posted to the Juneau–Douglas City Museum and Juneau Community Foundation websites.
- Are considered for future membership on the Selection Committee

