



Texas Women for the Arts



ABOUT TEXAS WOMEN FOR THE ARTS

Texas Women for the Arts (TWA) is a statewide giving circle and membership program of the Texas Cultural Trust whose mission is to awaken and nurture the artist in every Texas child. Established in 2005, this philanthropic force of influential women from across the state has awarded 362 grants totaling more than \$4 million impacting over 3.6 million Texas children.

OUR MISSION

Awaken and nurture the artist in every Texas child.

GRANTS

Every year, Texas Women for the Arts members have the opportunity to nominate and select an arts or arts education organization to receive a TWA grant. This funding provides essential support for the arts and increases access to the arts for children in Texas.

ANNUAL MEETING

Set in a different location each year, the Annual Meeting brings members together for a two-day event to announce the TWA grant recipients, the Champion of the Arts recipient, and to highlight the unique arts and culture that the host city offers.

DONNA AXUM WHITWORTH CHAMPION OF THE ARTS AWARD

The Champion of the Arts Award recognizes a Texas Women for the Arts member who has made significant contributions to the arts and whose work has embodied the mission and vision of the organization. The award is presented and celebrated at the Annual Meeting.

TRAVEL

TWA membership offers the opportunity to participate in yearly cultural excursions to different arts destinations within and outside of Texas. These unique trips are designed specifically for TWA members and afford exciting VIP experiences and access. Past trips have included: behind-the-scenes museum tours, rooftop soirees, invitations to private homes and collections, arts festivals, exclusive dining and shopping experiences, and much more.

MEMBERSHIP DETAILS

Membership dues are fully tax-deductible. The Texas Women for the Arts membership year is from September 1st to August 31st. However, memberships are accepted at any time during the year. Dues may only be prorated after the Texas Women for the Arts Annual Meeting.

MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

Texas Women for the Arts Legacy Council Membership	\$2,500 per year
Texas Women for the Arts General Membership	\$1,200 per year
Texas Women for the Arts Junior Membership*	\$750 per year
Texas Women for the Arts Mother/Daughter Membership**	\$1,500 per year

* Available to women age 45 and under.

** An introductory membership offer, the Mother/Daughter membership rate is for the first year of membership only. Additional daughters \$500/each.

The Texas Cultural Trust is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Texas Women for the Arts memberships are fully tax-deductible.

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MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

	LEGACY COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP	NON-LEGACY COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP
Invitation to Legacy Council exclusive trips and/or trip add-ons	●	
Opportunity to provide art and culture related content for the TWA newsletter	●	
Two complimentary tickets to Texas Young Masters, April 2024 in Austin, Texas		●
Six complimentary tickets to Texas Young Masters, April 2024 in Austin, Texas	●	
Opportunity to invite TWO 501(c)(3) arts organizations to apply for grant funding <i>TWA grant application opens October 1 and closes December 1</i>	●	
Opportunity to invite ONE 501(c)(3) arts organization to apply for grant funding <i>TWA grant application opens October 1 and closes December 1</i>		●
Opportunity to serve on the TWA Grants Committee <i>TWA grant committee review: February 2024</i>	●	●
Opportunity to vote on grants <i>TWA grant voting: March - April 2024</i>	●	●
Invitation to Annual Meeting	●	●
Invitation to attend annual trips	●	●
Invitations to Texas Cultural Trust events	●	●
Name recognition on Texas Cultural Trust website	●	●
Name recognition in the biennial Texas Medal of Arts Awards program	●	●

2023-2024 TEXAS WOMEN FOR THE ARTS

Executive Committee Nomination Slate (Terms begin September 1, 2023)

Linda LaMantia
Chair, *Laredo*

Lawton Cummings
Governance Chair, *Austin*

Natasa Valocchi
Travel Chair, *New York City*

Isha Rogers Santamaria
Vice Chair, *El Paso*

Nancy Murray
Governance Vice Chair, *Longview*

Marielle Quaid
Travel Vice Chair, *Austin*

Leslie Blanton
Immediate Past Chair, *Houston*

Elia del Carmen Mares
Legacy Chair, *El Paso*

Jessica Karlsruher,
Laura Matz,
Janna Paulson,
Marielle Quaid,
Leslie Ward
2024 Annual Meeting Chairs, *Austin*

Nina Seeley
Membership Co-Chair, *Austin*

Jan McKee
Legacy Vice Chair, *Fort Worth*

Eliza Duncan
Membership Co-Chair, *Houston*

Ana Montoya,
Membership Vice Co-Chair, *San Antonio*

Muffin Lemak
Membership Vice Co-Chair, *Dallas*

Karen Foster
Nominating Chair, *El Paso*

Leslie Ward
Nominating Vice Chair, *Austin*

Michelle Bonton
Grants Chair, *Houston*

Lisa Ivie Miller
Grants Vice Chair, *Austin*



Texas Women for the Arts gather at the 2023 Annual Meeting in Corpus Christi & Rockport.