

Texas Cultural Trust

TEXAS WOMEN FOR THE ARTS

Annual Meeting

ABOUT

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

HISTORY

2025: El Paso | 2024: Austin | 2023: Corpus Christi/
Rockport | 2022: San Antonio | 2021: Dallas
2020: Postponed | 2019: Houston | 2018: Fort Worth
2017: Austin | 2016: Amarillo | 2015: San Antonio
2014: Fredericksburg | 2013: Houston | 2012: El Paso
2011: Dallas | 2010: Fort Worth | 2009: Austin
2008: San Antonio | 2007: Houston | 2006: Dallas

JOIN US!

20th Annual Meeting

April 27-29, 2026

Fort Worth



TEXAS CULTURAL TRUST

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 428 grants totaling more than \$4.7 million, and impacting over 3.7 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 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 Legacy Mother/Daughter Membership	\$4,000 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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ABOUT TEXAS WOMEN FOR THE ARTS (continued)

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS	LEGACY COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP	NON-LEGACY COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP
Invitation to Legacy Council exclusive trips and/or trip add-ons	●	
Fall Travel to Natchez, MS	●	
Four complimentary tickets to Texas Young Masters, April 13, 2026 in Austin, Texas.	●	
Two complimentary tickets to Texas Young Masters, April 13, 2026 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 2026</i>	●	●
Opportunity to vote on grants <i>TWA grant voting: March - April 2026</i>	●	●
Invitation to Annual Meeting	●	●
Opportunity to attend annual trips: <i>Fall Travel to New Orleans, LA; Spring Travel to Charleston, SC</i>	●	●
Invitations to Texas Cultural Trust events	●	●
Name recognition on Texas Cultural Trust website	●	●
Name recognition in the biennial Texas Medal of Arts Awards program	●	●



Texas Women for the Arts gather at the 2025 Annual Meeting in El Paso.

2025-2026 TEXAS WOMEN FOR THE ARTS Executive Committee (Terms begin September 1, 2025)

Nancy Seliger Chair, <i>Austin</i>	Dawn Leatherwood Membership Co-Chair, <i>Tyler</i>	Kara Belew Nominating Vice-Chair, <i>Austin</i>	Nancy Hiles Legacy Chair, <i>Grand Prairie</i>
Robin Gilliland Vice-Chair, <i>Amarillo</i>	Lesla Rossick Membership Co-Chair, <i>Austin</i>	Madison Peterson Grants Chair, <i>Austin</i>	Janet Sherlip Legacy Vice-Chair, <i>McKinney</i>
Isha Rogers Santamaria Immediate Past Chair, <i>El Paso</i>	Michelle Blair Membership Vice-Chair, <i>Fort Worth</i>	Linda LaMantia Grants Vice-Chair, <i>Laredo</i>	Christy Berry Travel Co-Chair, <i>Dallas</i>
Lisa Jimenez Membership Co-Chair, <i>El Paso</i>	Janis Brous Membership Vice-Chair, <i>Fort Worth</i>	Leslie Blanton Governance Chair, <i>Houston</i>	Eliza Duncan Travel Co-Chair, <i>Houston</i>
Sarah Laucirica Membership Co-Chair, <i>El Paso</i>	Nina Seely Nominating Chair, <i>Austin</i>	Lisa Ivie Miller Governance Vice-Chair, <i>Austin</i>	Janet Kent Wechter Travel Vice-Chair, <i>El Paso</i>



2026 Annual Meeting Sponsorship Opportunities

Texas Women for the Arts (TWA), a membership program of the Texas Cultural Trust, unites the financial resources of influential women across Texas to fund arts education programs. With the mission to “awaken and nurture the artist in every Texas child”, TWA has awarded more than \$4. million to arts education programs statewide, making a meaningful difference in the lives of more than one million children.

The 20th Annual Meeting for Texas Women for the Arts will be held in **Fort Worth TX, April 27, 28, & 29, 2026**. Your support of this important annual event will help further the mission of Texas Women for the Arts and enrich the lives of children across Texas.

ROMANTICISM SPONSOR - 2 AVAILABLE Champion of the Arts Dinner Sponsor: \$20,000 Business Meeting Sponsor: \$20,000

- Branding as Presenting Sponsor of either 2026 Business Meeting Sponsor or 2026 Champion of the Arts Dinner Sponsor, and in all collateral including the Texas Women for the Arts page on the Texas Cultural Trust website, and social media.
- Recognition on all event collateral including event invitations, event program book, and event signage.
- Opportunity to provide business promotional items to be included in Annual Meeting gift bags.
- Opportunity to bring (4) guests to cocktail reception and Champion of the Arts dinner.
- Four (4) tickets to the 2027 Texas Medal of Art Awards reception, show and Gala dinner (+\$6,000 value)
- Listed as donor on the Texas Cultural Trust website for 12 months.

RENAISSANCE SPONSOR- \$10,000

- Name/Business recognized as a 2026 Annual Meeting sponsor on the Texas Women for the Arts page on the Texas Cultural Trust website.
- Recognition on all event collateral including event invitations, event program book, and event signage.
- Opportunity to provide business promotional items to be included in Annual Meeting attendee gift bags.
- Opportunity to bring (2) guests to Champion of the Arts dinner.
- Two (2) tickets to the 2027 Texas Medal of Art Awards reception, show and Gala dinner (+\$3,000 value)
- Listed as donor on the Texas Cultural Trust website for 12 months.

BAROQUE SPONSOR - \$5,000

- Name/Business recognized as a 2026 Annual Meeting sponsor event collateral including e-event invitation*, event program book, and event signage.
- Opportunity to provide business promotional items to be included in Annual Meeting attendee gift bags.
- Opportunity to bring a guest to a cocktail reception and recruitment event.
- Listed as donor on the Texas Cultural Trust website for 12 months.

CONTEMPORARY SPONSOR - \$2,500

- Name/Business recognized as a 2026 Annual Meeting sponsor on event collateral including event e-invitation*, event program book, and event signage.
- Listed as donor on the Texas Cultural Trust website for 12 months.

IMPRESSIONIST SPONSOR – \$1,500

- Name/Business recognized as a sponsor 2026 Annual Meeting event program book.
- Listed as donor on the Texas Cultural Trust website for 12 months.

REALISM (HOST COMMITTEE MEMBER)- \$1,000

- Recognized as a Host Committee Member for the 2026 Annual Meeting on the event invitation and program book.
- Listed as donor on the Texas Cultural Trust website for 12 months.

IN-KIND DONATION

- Amenities consistent with the value of donated goods and/or services for the 2026 TWA Annual Meeting.

***For recognition in event collateral, sponsorships must be secured by April 3, 2026 to meet print deadlines.**

Texas Women for the Arts 20th Annual Meeting, Fort Worth, TX
2026 SPONSORSHIP RESPONSE FORM

*Register or secure your sponsorship for the Annual Meeting online at or by completing this form
and returning it with your payment to the address below.*

I wish to support the Texas Women for the Arts 2026 Annual Meeting at the following level:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> ROMANTICISM (Presenting Sponsor) - \$20,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> CONTEMPORARY - \$2,500 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RENAISSANCE - \$10,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> IMPRESSIONIST - \$1,500 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BAROQUE - \$5,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> REALISM (Host Committee)- \$1,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> IN-KIND DONATION: <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER AMOUNT \$ _____ | |

Description of donated goods or services:

_____ Est. Value of donated goods/services: \$ _____

Donor Information:

Name *as it should appear on printed media*

Contact Name *if different from above*

Mailing Address

City State Zip

Business Phone Mobile Phone

Email

Payment Information:

Amount Enclosed \$ _____ Check No. _____

Please charge my Credit Card: Visa Mastercard AMEX Discover

Credit Card # _____ Exp. _____ CVC _____

I authorize an additional 4% to cover credit card processing fees.

Signature Date

Billing Address *if different from above*

City State Zip

Thank you for supporting the arts in Texas!

Questions? Please contact Carrie Williams, Director of Donor Relations at 512.478.5289 or cwilliams@txculturaltrust.org

*Texas Women for the Arts is a program of the Texas Cultural Trust.
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regulations, donations to the Trust qualify as a charitable deduction for tax purposes.*