



## 2026 *How Are You Creative?* Ambassadors Program Call for Nominations

### Program Overview

*How Are You Creative?* (HAYC?) supports collective approaches to teaching and learning in and through arts and cultures in Alaska with the intention of weaving networks, aligning policies and increasing involvement in Alaska arts and cultures. HAYC? focuses on the following:

- developing outlets to share the value of, and potential for, how creative experiences bring people together;
- discovering ways that teaching and learning in and through the arts and cultures in Alaska support individual, community, and statewide efforts to grow healthy, innovative, and resilient communities.

The *How Are You Creative?* Ambassador Cohort will consist of educators, artists, culture bearers, early career teachers, and community leaders working across rural and urban Alaska. Cohort members will serve as ambassadors for creativity in their communities and contribute to a growing network of professionals committed to integrating the arts and culture into public education. This statewide ambassador program supports the following goals:

- **Individual**

Through participation in arts and cultural experiences, Alaskans will feel more connected, respected, seen, and heard. This results in a greater sense of well-being and community.

People actively seek out arts learning opportunities, and feel comfortable participating regardless of skill or experience.

- **Community**

Creativity is a sought after community asset. Artists are valued and serve unique advisory and leadership roles in the inclusion of arts and cultures in community development.

Education standards and practices that fully integrate arts and culturally relevant materials are implemented at the local level and reflect place. Teachers and students have support and growing capacity to teach and learn in and through the arts and cultures in their classrooms.

- **State**

Alaska's governing entities recognize, value, actively research, and invest in the ongoing development of Alaska's complex creative industries.

Alaska's education sector actively integrates community-based experiential teaching and learning in and through the arts and cultures as essential to a well-rounded education for Alaskan students.

### Next Steps for Nominee

Once we receive your nomination, we'll follow up with the person you've nominated to share information about the opportunity and encourage them to submit a full application if they're interested. We may also reach out to you for help getting in touch.

### Questions?

Please contact: [gloria@howareyoucreative.org](mailto:gloria@howareyoucreative.org). You can also contact the Alaska State Council on the Arts at (907) 269-6610. Learn more: <https://howareyoucreative.org>

## 2026 *How Are You Creative?* Nomination Form

**Do you know someone whose creativity, cultural knowledge, or community work should be honored and supported?**

The Alaska State Council on the Arts, in collaboration with the Munartet Project, invites you to nominate an artist, educator, or culture bearer to join the 2026 *How Are You Creative?* Cohort. Individuals will be selected to receive \$5,000 to support their ongoing creative, cultural, or educational work.

This nomination is a way to uplift someone's name and work and encourage their creative work as an instructor, teacher or artist. You may nominate more than one person, and self-nominations are also welcome through the online application form. Applicants may complete the online form [by clicking here](#). If you are making a nomination, the form is available online [by clicking here](#).

**Nominations due by:** October 20, 2025

<b>Nominator Information</b>	Please fill each item in the second column below. Required information is marked with an * next to the labels in the first column.
Your Full Name*:	
Your E-mail Address*:	
Your Phone Number*:	
Your Organization or Cultural Affiliation (if applicable):	
Your relationship to the person you're nominating (friend, colleague, student, mentor, etc.)*:	
How did you hear about this opportunity*?	

<b>Nominee Information</b>	Please fill each item in the second column below. Required information is marked with an * next to the labels in the first column.
Full Name of Nominee*:	
Nominee's E-mail Address*:	
Nominee's social media handles (if known):	
Nominee's Phone Number*:	
Nominee's Community/Region*:	
Nominee's Cultural Affiliation (if known):	
Nominee's Art or Cultural Discipline(s)*:	
Does this person work with youth, schools, or community events? If so, how??	

### Nomination Short Answer Questions

You may type or print by hand your answers on a separate piece of paper in response to the questions below (1–3 sentences each) or submit a voice recording or video if preferred. If you submit your answer via video, please email to [gloria@howareyoucreative.org](mailto:gloria@howareyoucreative.org) and enter "submitting via email" under each short answer question for which you made a recording.

1. **Why are you nominating this person?**  
What stands out about their creative work, cultural leadership, or community presence?
2. **How does this person contribute to creativity or culture in their community?**  
Share an example of a story, gathering, performance, or project they've been part of.
3. **Why do you think they'd be a good fit for the *How Are You Creative?* cohort?**  
Think about curiosity, connection, generosity, vision, etc.
4. **Is there anything else you'd like to share about this nominee?**  
Optional: Include a short story, memory, quote, or description of their impact.
5. **Have you told this person about your nomination?**  
If yes, what was their response? If not, please share why you chose not to inform them at this time.