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## **City invites artists to share designs for Mayor's Innovation Awards trophies and Arts Awards statuettes**

*Barrie, ON* – The City of Barrie is calling on local artists who specialize in digital art or sculpture to submit designs for two prestigious upcoming award events: the 7<sup>th</sup> annual Mayor's Innovation Awards and the Barrie Arts Awards.

### **Design call for Mayor's Innovation Awards trophy**

The City of Barrie invites proposals from local digital artists or graphic designers to design the trophy that is awarded at the [Mayor's Innovation Awards](#). The winning design will be fabricated by the [Georgian College Makerspace](#). Artwork can be created in any medium but, if selected, must be provided as a digital file suitable for large-format production (Adobe Illustrator or .stl file format). The design should reflect the theme, *Innovation in Barrie*, which will align with the award categories.

### **Call to sculptors for Barrie Arts Awards statuettes**

Local artists or artist teams are also invited to submit proposals for designing and creating the award statuettes for this year's Barrie Arts Awards. The Barrie Arts Awards gala is hosted annually in November and celebrates the achievements and contributions of artists, organizations, and arts supporters across six categories. Each year, a new sculptor is selected to create the award statuettes, which are unique works that reflect the importance of celebrating the contribution of artists and the arts on the community. Applicants are encouraged to submit designs that are celebratory and will instill a sense of pride in the award recipients. Artwork must be family friendly and community minded.

Selected artists for both programs will receive a monetary award for their winning design. The deadline for submissions for both the trophy and statuette designs is 5 p.m. on May 12, 2025.

For more information and the application form for the Mayor's Innovation Awards trophy submission, visit [investbarrie.ca/InnovationAwards](https://investbarrie.ca/InnovationAwards). For the Arts Awards statuettes design specifications and application form, visit [barrie.ca/ArtsPrograms](https://barrie.ca/ArtsPrograms).

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