

Commission for the Arts

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Applicant	Date	Address	Contact	Status
Anne Evenhaugen	8/12/2025	Yes, I am a resident of the City of Alexandria. (NOTE: If your answer is no, a residency waiver is required for positions that are not specific to an organization or profession.): Yes		Validated
Ms. Tia Norris-Towler	8/26/2025	Yes, I am a resident of the City of Alexandria. (NOTE: If your answer is no, a residency waiver is required for positions that are not specific to an organization or profession.): Yes		Validated
Mr David Bruce Novy, P.E.	8/6/2025	Yes, I am a resident of the City of Alexandria. (NOTE: If your answer is no, a residency waiver is required for positions that are not specific to an organization or profession.): Yes		Validated
Ms. Tiffany R Williams	8/15/2025	Yes, I am a resident of the City of Alexandria. (NOTE: If your answer is no, a residency waiver is required for positions that are not specific to an organization or profession.): Yes		Validated

Anne Evenhaugen

Status		Board	Vacancies	Status
Name	Anne Evenhaugen	Commission for the Arts	1	Contested
Application Date	8/12/2025			
Expiration Date	3/12/2026			
Board Member	Anne Evenhaugen			
Status	Validated			

Basic Information

Name
Anne Evenhaugen

Contact Information

Yes, I am a resident of the City of Alexandria. (NOTE: If your answer is no, a residency waiver is required for positions that are not specific to an organization or profession.)
Yes
Email
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Alternate email
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Phone
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Occupation

Employer (student and youth applicants list school)
Smithsonian Libraries and Archives
Job Title
REDACTED

New Applicant or Current Member
New Applicant

What seat are you applying for? (Ex: citizen, architect, youth member, etc.)
Public At-Large Arts consumer

Do you currently live in the City of Alexandria? NOTE: If your answer is no, a residency waiver is required for positions that are not specific to an organization or profession.
Yes

How long have you lived in Alexandria?
13 years

Statement of Interest

I am writing to express my strong interest in serving on the Alexandria City Commission for the Arts. With over two decades of experience in the arts, libraries, and museums, I am deeply committed to expanding public access to the arts and supporting meaningful cultural initiatives. My professional background reflects a deep dedication to documenting and preserving art history. As a librarian, I am grateful to be able to contribute to national conversations on art research and accessibility, and have led initiatives aimed at increasing engagement with cultural resources. Of relevance to the Commission is my broad experience with museum and research grants and awards—both as an applicant and recipient, and as part of review teams responsible for assessing needs, establishing criteria, and evaluating applications. I have also served multiple times as a juror for arts and literature competitions. Throughout my career, I’ve worked closely with colleagues across the cultural heritage field to connect audiences with collections and expertise. I am especially dedicated to the care and accessibility of materials that document the visual arts and history. While my professional life centers around the arts and scholarly research, I am applying for the Public-At-Large seat as an engaged and enthusiastic arts consumer. I have lived in the Del Ray neighborhood of Alexandria since 2012 and have enjoyed the city's public parks, art, and cultural programs with my family for over a decade. I would love to use my personal interest in the arts to contribute more locally—to learn more about needs, to further access to the arts, and to help Alexandria continue to be such an amazing place to visit and live. I’m excited for the opportunity to support Alexandria’s public art projects and to help ensure the city’s cultural landscape honors its rich and varied history, reflecting the energy and diversity of its people. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Have you ever served the City of Alexandria in any capacity?
No

Have you ever attended a meeting of the Board or Commission for which you are applying?
No

Are you now paid by the City of Alexandria?
No

Do any of your immediate relatives or business associates now serve the City of Alexandria in any capacity?
No

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unscheduled business trips and emergency work assignments only. All other absences are recorded as unexcused. In light of the aforementioned statement, will you be able to attend at least 75% of the regular meetings of the board which you may be appointed?

Yes

If applicable, will you comply with the provisions of the City's conflict of interest requirements in City Ordinance 2867 regarding the completion of a financial disclosure statement?

Yes

Educational Background

Master of Arts in Curating Art, Stockholm University, Stockholm, Sweden Master of Information and Library Science, University of Maryland, College Park, MD Bachelor of Arts in Art History, Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg, VA

Summary of Work and Experience

Since 2015, I have been the head librarian for the Smithsonian's American Art and Portrait Gallery Library. My background has been primarily in art museums and libraries and caring for collections. I manage the day-to-day operations of the specialized research library, which contains over 180,000 volumes, including rare and unique books and a large ephemera collection. I also supervise acquisitions and special projects in support of the mission of the American Art Museum and National Portrait Gallery. Prior to joining the Smithsonian, I held positions at the American Alliance of Museums, National Gallery of Art Library and Corcoran Art Library, among others. I hold degrees in art history, library science and art curation from Mary Washington College, the University of Maryland and Stockholm University in Sweden.

References - Please list names, phone number and/or email addresses of three references that support your application.

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Gender

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Sexual Orientation

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Ethnicity

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Do you have a disability?

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Ms. Tla Norris-Towler

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Name	Ms. Tla Norris-Towler	Commission for the Arts	1	Contested
Application Date	8/26/2025			
Expiration Date	3/26/2026			
Board Member	Tla Norris-Towler			
Status	Validated			

Basic Information

Name
Ms. Tla Norris-Towler

Date of Birth
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Contact Information

Yes, I am a resident of the City of Alexandria. (NOTE: If your answer is no, a residency waiver is required for positions that are not specific to an organization or profession.)

Yes

Email
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Phone
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Alternate Phone
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Occupation

Employer (student and youth applicants list school)
Prince George's County Schools

Job Title
REDACTED

New Applicant or Current Member
New Applicant

What seat are you applying for? (Ex: citizen, architect, youth member, etc.)
One member who represents the public at large, as arts consumers or participants

Do you currently live in the City of Alexandria? NOTE: If your answer is no, a residency waiver is required for positions that are not specific to an organization or profession.
Yes

How long have you lived in Alexandria?
34 years

Statement of Interest
As a lifelong resident of Alexandria, I have witnessed firsthand the transformative power of the arts in our community. Born and raised in this city, I grew up surrounded by the many creative opportunities Alexandria provides, such as public art installations, community performances, and cultural programs that sparked my imagination and shaped my path as both an artist and an educator. These experiences gave me not only a sense of belonging but also the confidence to pursue a life centered around creativity and expression. Today, I wish to give back to the city that invested so much in me by serving on the Commission of the Arts. I am deeply committed to helping expand access to the arts, especially for children and families who, like me, can benefit from exposure to creative programs that enrich lives and strengthen community ties. My professional background in the arts and my passion for community engagement uniquely position me to advocate for inclusive, innovative, and sustainable projects that reflect the diversity of Alexandria. It would be an honor to contribute to the ongoing growth of the arts in our city, ensuring that future generations continue to be inspired, supported, and empowered by the vibrant cultural landscape that makes Alexandria so special.

Have you ever served the City of Alexandria in any capacity?
No

Have you ever attended a meeting of the Board or Commission for which you are applying?
No

Are you now paid by the City of Alexandria?
No

Do any of your immediate relatives or business associates now serve the City of Alexandria in any capacity?
No

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Yes

If applicable, will you comply with the provisions of the City's conflict of interest requirements in City Ordinance 2867 regarding the completion of a financial disclosure statement?

Yes

References - Please list names, phone number and/or email addresses of three references that support your application.

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Name	Mr David Bruce Novy, P.E.	Commission for the Arts	1	Contested
Application Date	8/6/2025			
Expiration Date	3/6/2026			
Board Member	David Bruce Novy			
Status	Validated			

Basic Information	Contact Information	Occupation
Name Mr David Bruce Novy, P.E.	Yes, I am a resident of the City of Alexandria. (NOTE: If your answer is no, a residency waiver is required for positions that are not specific to an organization or profession.) Yes	Employer (student and youth applicants list school) Brailsford & Dunlavey, Inc.
Date of Birth REDACTED	Email REDACTED	Job Title REDACTED
	Phone REDACTED	

New Applicant or Current Member

New Applicant

What seat are you applying for? (Ex: citizen, architect, youth member, etc.)

Public At-Large Arts consumer

Do you currently live in the City of Alexandria? NOTE: If your answer is no, a residency waiver is required for positions that are not specific to an organization or profession.

Yes

How long have you lived in Alexandria?

2 years

Statement of Interest

I am deeply interested in volunteering my time to serve on the City of Alexandria Commission for the Arts. As a retired Air Force officer and licensed civil engineer with almost 30 years of municipal planning and construction management experience, I believe my background provides a unique and valuable perspective. I am also a committed patron and consumer of both the visual and performing arts. My military career exposed me to communities around the world, fostering a deep appreciation for the role of public art in enriching public spaces and fostering community engagement. I've seen firsthand how art can both reflect and shape a city's identity. Beyond my personal enjoyment of the arts, I am a continuing donor to the performing arts, supporting organizations such as the Hawaii and Los Angeles Youth Orchestras. As a Kennedy Center Circles member, I value the opportunity to collaborate with like-minded individuals who understand the power of art in all its forms. My experience as a collector of various media including Native Alaskan handicrafts, American folk art, 19th century landscapes and contemporary pieces, will also inform my prospective service on the Commission. I am eager to contribute my skills and passion to the City's Commission for the Arts.

Have you ever served the City of Alexandria in any capacity?

No

Have you ever attended a meeting of the Board or Commission for which you are applying?

Yes

Are you now paid by the City of Alexandria?

No

Do any of your immediate relatives or business associates now serve the City of Alexandria in any capacity?

No

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Yes

If applicable, will you comply with the provisions of the City's conflict of interest requirements in City Ordinance 2867 regarding the completion of a financial disclosure statement?

Yes

Educational Background

B.S. Civil Engineering M.S. Environmental Engineering and Management M.A. National Security Strategic Studies

Summary of Work and Experience

As a child I was a member of the Screen Actor's Guild and worked with John Williams and Steven Spielberg performing background music for the movie "Empire of the Sun." My adult work experience includes 28+ years as an active duty Air Force officer serving around the world from the Asia-Pacific Region through the continental United States, to Europe and the Middle East. I am now in the private sector working as a consultant to educational institutions, small municipalities, and sports venues.

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Ethnicity

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Do you have a disability?

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Ms. Tiffany R Williams

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Name	Ms. Tiffany R Williams	Commission for the Arts	1	Contested
Application Date	8/15/2025			
Expiration Date	3/15/2026			
Board Member	Tiffany Williams			
Status	Validated			

Basic Information

Name
Ms. Tiffany R Williams

Date of Birth
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Contact Information

Yes, I am a resident of the City of Alexandria. (NOTE: If your answer is no, a residency waiver is required for positions that are not specific to an organization or profession.)
Yes

Email
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Phone
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Occupation

Employer (student and youth applicants list school)
U.S. Department of State

Job Title
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New Applicant or Current Member
Former Member

Please list the board:
Commission for the Arts

What seat are you applying for? (Ex: citizen, architect, youth member, etc.)
public at large

Do you currently live in the City of Alexandria? NOTE: If your answer is no, a residency waiver is required for positions that are not specific to an organization or profession.
Yes

How long have you lived in Alexandria?
9 years

Statement of Interest
As a curator with over a decade of experience advancing cultural diplomacy through the arts, I am deeply committed to strengthening public access to the arts and fostering meaningful community engagement. In my current role as Curator at the U.S. Department of State's Office of Art in Embassies, I oversee permanent and temporary collections across 25 ambassadorial residences and 10 U.S. Embassies worldwide. This work involves commissioning contemporary American art, collaborating with artists and cultural institutions, and managing complex public art projects from concept to installation—skills directly aligned with the Commission's functions. During my previous term as a Commissioner (2022-2024), I contributed to grant review processes, public art planning, and community outreach, helping to connect Alexandria residents with diverse artistic experiences. My jurying and independent curatorial work—from the Northern Virginia Fine Arts Festival to the D.C. Commission on the Arts and Humanities Art Bank Program—has sharpened my ability to evaluate proposals, ensure accountability for public funds, and advocate for artistic excellence. I believe in art's power to create dialogue, reflect community identity, and inspire civic pride. Serving again on the Alexandria Commission for the Arts would allow me to share my expertise in public art review and cross-sector partnerships to advance the city's cultural goals. I am particularly interested in supporting policies that ensure equity in arts access, amplifying underrepresented voices, and enhancing public art's role in Alexandria's evolving urban landscape. It would be an honor to serve as a citizen liaison, fostering a vibrant and inclusive arts community for all Alexandrians.

Have you ever served the City of Alexandria in any capacity?
Yes (Please explain), Former Commissioner for the ALX Commission for the Arts

Have you ever attended a meeting of the Board or Commission for which you are applying?
Yes

Are you now paid by the City of Alexandria?
No

Do any of your immediate relatives or business associates now serve the City of Alexandria in any capacity?
No

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Yes

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Yes

Educational Background

M.A. History of Decorative Arts, George Mason University; B.A. Fashion Merchandising, Virginia Commonwealth University

Summary of Work and Experience

10+ Years as a contemporary art curator

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