

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SPORT AND CULTURE
NORTH AMERICAN MANX AWARDS



Category:			
Full Name:			
Full Address:			
Age:		School:	
Nominated by:			

Awards Descriptions

Please complete the relevant nomination form for your nominee and return via email.
Entries should be sent to; Karla Cowan – Karla.Cowan@sch.im by Monday 11th May 2026

Category 1	Outstanding achievement in Manx music and/or dance
Category 2a	Key Stage 3 - 5; Outstanding achievement in Manx Language to be chosen by Yn Skimmee Gaelgagh (not open for public nomination) This award recognises academic achievement in the language with a view to supporting university applications
Category 2b	Key Stage 1 & 2; Award for commitment to Manx Language to be chosen alternative years by Yn Skimmee Gaelgagh and Bunscoill Ghaelgagh (not open for public nomination) 2026 nomination: Yn Skimmee Gaelgagh.
Category 3	Outstanding achievement in Arts and Crafts which portray any aspect of Manx life or Culture (this includes painting/drawing, sculpture, needlecraft/textiles, craft, story, poem)
Category 4a	Outstanding contribution to Manx Culture by a student under 18
Category 4b	Outstanding contribution to Manx Culture by a student over 18
Category 4c	Outstanding contribution to Manx Culture by a group of young people under 25
Category 5	Manx Community Award: To be made to young people who have made an outstanding contribution to the Manx Community in general, either by their work for voluntary organisations or by their involvement with, and assistance to, people or groups of people who need special help.

When making your nominations you may like to consider whether the nominee supports any of DESC IoM Arts Council and Culture Vannin National Strategy for Culture and the Arts objectives;

- INSPIRE PEOPLE OF ALL AGES AND BACKGROUNDS TO ENJOY OUR CULTURE AND THE ARTS.
- INVEST IN THE ISLAND'S CREATIVE COMMUNITY FOR SUCCESS AND SUSTAINABILITY.
- PROMOTE OUR UNIQUE MANX CULTURE AND DISTINCTIVENESS AS CENTRAL TO THE ISLAND'S IMAGE, NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY.
- CHAMPION THE ARTS AND CULTURE AS FUNDAMENTAL TO OUR WELLBEING AND SENSE OF PLACE.
- INSPIRE AND ENABLE PEOPLE TO EXPLORE NEW HORIZONS THROUGH INNOVATION, MEDIA AND TECHNOLOGY.

Winners of categories 1 - 5 receive a minted silver medal kindly provided by the North American Manx Association. The closing date for nominations is 11th May 2026. The awards will be held on 15th July 2026.

Category 1:

FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN MANX MUSIC &/OR DANCE

Nominated for: Music

Dance

Both

Please provide supporting information in the box below (100-200 words)

You may like to consider the following:

- Tell us about the nominee's instrument/s & any official grades or prizes they have been awarded
- Refer to competitions, concerts and festivals they have participated in as a soloist and/or with a group (e.g. Shennaghys Jiu, the Manx Folk Awards, Yn Chruinnaght Celtic Gathering, Young Singer of Mann, Manx Music Festival, etc.)
- Is the nominee in a youth group or organization? (e.g. school bands/groups, Bree, one of the Manx dance groups, Manx Youth Orchestra, etc.)
- If the nominee has represented the Isle of Man internationally as a performer
- If the nominee has composed their own music or dance and have made recordings
- You may like to consider whether the nominee supports any of National Strategy for Culture and the Arts objectives (please see supporting notes)
- Plus anything else relevant to their nomination

Please provide any extra supporting material along with the nomination form. This may include; Soundcloud, Youtube or website videos of performances. These web links can be pasted below.

Supporting web link

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You may also like to include audio files, newspaper articles or videos via email with the nomination:

Please note that these files must not exceed 10mb

Category 3:

FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN ARTS & CRAFTS

Please state what form the entry takes:

*painting/drawing, sculpture,
needlecraft/textiles, craft, story, poem, other
(please state)*

Please provide some supporting information about the nominee and their entry in the box below
(approx 100 words)

Please provide photographs of the artwork with the entry, or if it is a written piece, then please provide a copy.

You may also like to include other photographs or videos via email with the nomination:

Please note that these files must not exceed 10mb

Category 4:

FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO MANX CULTURE

Nominee/s:	student under 18	student over 18	group under 25
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Please provide supporting information in the box below (100-200 words)

You may like to consider the following:

- Refer to competitions, concerts and festivals they have participated in as a soloist and/or with a group (e.g. Shennaghys Jiu, the Manx Folk Awards, Yn Chruinnaght Celtic Gathering, Young Singer of Mann, Manx Music Festival, etc.)
- Refer to events such as Hunt the Wren, the Cooish Festival, the White Boys, Tynwald Day that the nominee may have supported
- Is the nominee in a youth group or organisation? (e.g. school bands/groups, Bree, one of the Manx dance groups, Manx Youth Orchestra, Yn Cheshaght Ghailckagh youth group etc)
- If the nominee has represented the Isle of Man internationally as a performer
- If the nominee has composed their own music or dance and have made recordings
- Whether the nominee speaks, or is learning Manx Gaelic
- You may like to consider whether the nominee supports any of National Strategy for Culture and the Arts objectives (please see supporting notes)

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Category 5:

MANX COMMUNITY AWARD

Please provide supporting information in the box below (100-200 words)

You may like to consider the following:

- Any charity work completed
- Any campaigning for change or work with Manx Politics
- Any Environmental work undertaken such as beach cleans, memberships of organisations such as Manx Wildlife Trust or Beach Buddies.
- Follow up work from the One World Centre Charity Challenge
- Community work such as with local commissioners or Heritage Trusts, nursing homes or playgroups

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