



Jim Griffith Foodways Keeper Award Nomination

Tucson City of Gastronomy's **Jim Griffith Foodways Keeper Awards** are a partnership with the Southwest Folklife Alliance to recognize Southern Arizona non-professional home cooks and food artisans who are helping to keep our food traditions alive through the continued use of heritage ingredients and techniques unique to this region and are sharing their traditional food knowledge with the community. This award is in honor of anthropologist and folklorist [Jim Griffith](#) (1935-2021) and his longtime support for home cooks who have sustained the food heritage and culinary traditions of the Arizona-Sonora Borderlands.

The first-place winner will receive a cash award of \$1,500 from the University of Arizona Southwest Center. Tucson City of Gastronomy will spotlight both first and second-place winners via its website, social media, and one or more events. An award ceremony will take place at Kennedy Park on April 13 during the [Pueblos del Maíz festival](#).

To nominate someone for this award, submit the filled-out form below with supporting materials by **March 31, 2024**. Nominations will be reviewed by a committee and announced in early April. If you have any questions, please contact us at tucsoncog@gmail.com.

(*indicates required field)

*Your name:

*Your email:

*Who are you nominating for the Jim Griffith Foodways Keeper Award?

*What is the best way to contact them?

Email

Phone

*What is their email address?

*What is their phone number?

*Tell us about the person nominated and why they are a good fit for this award by answering the following questions in writing OR in a 1-2 minute video. The more details, the better!

1. What special dishes or food items do they cook or make?
2. What traditional techniques or other culinary traditions do they help carry on?
3. From whom did they learn how to make their traditional foods?
4. How are they sharing their traditional food knowledge with the community?

ALTERNATIVE TO WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS #1 – 4: Attach to your submission email a 1- to 2-minute video (200 MB max) addressing two or more of the questions above.

***REQUIRED:** Attach to your submission email 1 to 5 photos showing how this person's work qualifies them for this award.

OPTIONAL: Attach to your submission email a maximum of 2 letters of support for this nomination.