

SECTION 5 ARTISTS IN THE COMMUNITY

PURPOSE

GCAC recognizes the important contribution of artists to the creative landscape of the Columbus community. Support for artists is provided through Artist Fellowships, Visual Artist International/National Residency and International Exchange programs, Professional Development Assistance and Supply Grants. These funding and support programs give artists in the community the opportunity to enhance their skills and create work that helps drive the vibrancy of the arts in Columbus and Franklin County.

Artists may also qualify for support of a specific project through the Franklin County Neighborhood Arts Program or the City of Columbus funded Project Support Program. Refer to **SECTION 3: PROJECT SUPPORT** and **SECTION 6: FRANKLIN COUNTY NEIGHBORHOOD ARTS** for more information.

SECTION 5-A: ARTIST FELLOWSHIPS

APPLICATION DEADLINE

GCAC partners with local arts and culture organizations to offer fellowship programs in the following disciplines: Visual Arts, Dance, Media Arts (Film/video), Columbus Music, and Playwrighting. Each partner determines the guidelines and application/selection process for the individual programs.

Visit www.gcac.org for current information on deadlines, Fellowship partner listing and contact information.

WHAT THE PROGRAM SUPPORTS

Artist Fellowships are intended to recognize outstanding local artists. Fellowships are intended to assist artists in any manner they deem fit to support the creation of new works and/or the advancement of their careers. In some cases, our partners are able to offer additional benefits such as exhibition or showcase performances that give the local artists credibility and a chance to engage local audiences, as they provide the opportunity to experience the vitality of our local artistic community.

AWARDS/TIMELINE

Recipients are selected by a panel of experts in the specific artistic discipline. Their decisions will be based solely on the artistic excellence of the work submitted for review. The primary criteria is artistic quality. Gender, race, age, financial need, education, professional affiliations, previous recognition, and occupation are NOT considerations for funding. Further considerations are detailed within the guidelines for each program as determined appropriate by each partner.

Fellowship awards vary in amount based on discipline, but typically are between \$2,000 and \$5,000.

Visit www.gcac.org for current information on Fellowship partners and contact information.

WHO MAY APPLY

Applicants for support through the Artist Fellowships program must:

- be creative artists who are residents of the city of Columbus and/or Franklin County and who have been so for at least one (1) year prior to date of application.

Work that results in an award may not be resubmitted. Resubmission of work will disqualify the applicant from the review process. Award recipients must remain residents of the City of Columbus and/or Franklin County throughout the grant period.

Visit www.gcac.org for current information on Fellowship and Residency partners and contact information.

ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

Fellowship partners determine additional eligibility requirements or limitations.

Visit www.gcac.org for current information on Fellowship partners and contact information.

HOW TO APPLY

Each Fellowship partner processes applications differently.

Visit www.gcac.org for current information on Fellowship and Residency partners and contact information.

FINAL REPORT

Final reports are accepted online through GoArts, GCAC's online application system.

Final reports are due thirty (30) days following the completion of the activity for which funding was granted.

Failure to submit a timely final report will affect future consideration and eligibility.

SECTION 5-B: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENTAPPLICATION DEADLINE

Applications are accepted on the first Monday of every month.

WHAT THE PROGRAM SUPPORTS

Small grants of up to \$1,000 to offset the costs of professional development opportunities are considered. Examples of eligible activities would be master technique classes, enhancing business skills or attending professional conferences where development opportunities exist.

GRANT AWARDS/TIMELINE

Applicants are limited to one (1) grant per year in this category.

Grants & Services Staff reviews applications and provides recommendations to the President and the Grants Committee by the second Friday of the month. The Grants Committee approves the recommendations, and contracts or denials are sent by the fourth Friday of the month.

The Grants Committee may recommend one (1) of five (5) actions for any Professional Development or Supply Grant application:

- Approval for full or partial funding
- Approval for full or partial funding with stipulations
- Denial with suggestions for resubmission of request
- Denial of request
- Deferral for further consideration

Funds are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, and these funding categories will be suspended for the remainder of GCAC's fiscal year when the funds have been expended. These categories will re-open when additional funds are made available either during the fiscal year or at the start of the new fiscal year.

WHO MAY APPLY

Applicants for support in the Professional Development category must:

- be creative artists who are residents of the city of Columbus and/or Franklin County and who have been so for at least one (1) year prior to date of application.

ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

Artists who are enrolled in a degree- or certificate-granting program of any kind at the time of application or during the grant period are not eligible to apply under any category.

Artists working full time as teaching staff of a college or university are not eligible to apply.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications are accepted through GoArts, GCAC's online application system. No paper applications will be accepted.

Grants & Services staff will review draft applications up to one (1) week before the deadline.

SUPPORT MATERIALS

Each applicant has the responsibility to submit materials that are relevant, readable and appropriate. All supporting documentation is due on the deadline. In most cases, consultant resumes, seminar materials, etc. will suffice. Grants & Services staff will work with applicants to meet individual needs.

The signed application cover page, including hard copy materials, must be postmarked no later than three (3) business days following the deadline.

Contact Grants & Services staff BEFORE the deadline if unsure what support materials to include with the application.

FINAL REPORT

Final reports are accepted online through GoArts, GCAC's online application system.

Final reports are due thirty (30) days following the completion of the activity for which funding was granted. Failure to submit a timely final report will affect future consideration and eligibility.

SECTION 5-C: SUPPLY GRANTSAPPLICATION DEADLINE

Applications are accepted on the first Monday of every month.

WHAT THE PROGRAM SUPPORTS

Small grants of up to \$500 to offset the cost of supplies to create new work will be considered. For example: filmmakers can use this grant to purchase film stock; visual artists can purchase paint or canvas; dancers can purchase music or specialty shoes, etc.

Call the Grants & Services Staff to discuss specific needs and appropriateness of request.

GRANT AWARDS/TIMELINE

Applicants are limited to one (1) grant per year in this category.

The Grants & Services Staff reviews applications and provides recommendations to the President and the Grants Committee by the second Friday of the month. The Grants Committee approves the recommendations and contracts or denials are sent by the fourth Friday of the month.

The Grants Committee may recommend one (1) of five (5) actions for any Professional Development or Supply Grant application:

- Approval for full or partial funding
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- Denial with suggestions for resubmission of request
- Denial of request
- Deferral for further consideration

Funds are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, and these funding categories will be suspended for the remainder of GCAC's fiscal year when the funds have been expended. These categories will re-open when additional funds are made available either during the fiscal year or at the start of the new fiscal year.

WHO MAY APPLY

Applicants for support through the Supply Grants category must:

- be creative artists who are residents of the city of Columbus and/or Franklin County and who have been so for at least one (1) year prior to date of application.

ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

Artist who are enrolled in a degree- or certificate-granting program of any kind at the time of application or during the grant period are not eligible to apply under any category.

Artists working full time as teaching staff of a college or university are not eligible to apply.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications are accepted through GoArts, GCAC's online application system. No paper applications will be accepted.

Grants & Services staff will review draft applications up to one (1) week before the deadline.

SUPPORT MATERIALS

Each applicant has the responsibility to submit materials that are relevant, readable and appropriate. All supporting documentation is due on the deadline. In most cases, consultant resumes, seminar materials, etc. will suffice. Grants & Services staff will work with applicants to meet individual needs.

The signed application cover page, including hard copy materials, must be postmarked no later than three (3) business days following the deadline.

Contact Grants & Services staff BEFORE the deadline if unsure what support materials to include with the application.

FINAL REPORT

Final reports are accepted online through GoArts, GCAC's online application system.

Final reports are due thirty (30) days following the completion of the activity for which funding was granted.

Failure to submit a timely final report will affect future consideration and eligibility.

SECTION 5-D: VISUAL ARTIST RESIDENCIES

This program is under revision. Announcements are expected to be made in Fall 2012.

Contact the Grants & Services staff if you have any questions.

SECTION 5-E: ARTIST EXCHANGEAPPLICATION DEADLINE

Current year Visual and Media Arts Fellowship finalists and recipients, plus all past Visual and Media Arts Fellowship recipients are invited to apply for the Dresden/Saxony Residency, a two (2) to three (3) month residency in Dresden, Germany; a Columbus sister city. The submission deadline for this program varies.

WHAT THE PROGRAM SUPPORTS

Up to two (2) Columbus artists are selected to receive two (2) to three (3) month residencies, which includes a pro-rated stipend, airfare, studio space, and housing in Dresden, Germany; one of Columbus' sister cities.

GRANT AWARDS/TIMELINE

The International Committee, comprised of members of the GCAC Board of Trustees, selects up to two (2) artists from the applicant pool after reviewing applications from eligible artists, conducting interviews and deliberation.

WHO MAY APPLY

Current year Visual and Media Arts Fellowship finalists and winners, plus all past Visual and Media Arts Fellowship winners are invited to apply for the Dresden/Saxony Residency, a two (2) to three (3) month residency in Dresden, Germany; a Columbus sister city. In addition to this, applicants must be practicing artists who are residents of the city of Columbus and/or Franklin County and who have been so for at least one (1) year prior to date of application.

ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

Artist who are enrolled in a degree- or certificate-granting program of any kind at the time of application or during the grant period are not eligible to apply under any category. However, artists may include visual documentation of artwork as in the application materials (completed online in the past two (2) years).

Artists who have been awarded a residency or have participated in the exchange program will not be eligible to apply or be considered again.

Award recipients must remain residents of the city of Columbus and/or Franklin County throughout the grant period.

HOW TO APPLY

The Artist Exchange program is by invitation only. Eligible applicants are contacted by mail. A proposal is submitted for consideration which includes the following components:

- Finalized proposal;
- Completed application form;
- CD containing a minimum of ten but not more than twelve (12) images of at least ten (10) different works completed by the applicant within the last two (2) years;
- Corresponding image identification list; and
- Current resume and bio.

FINAL REPORT

While in Dresden, the artist must be willing and able to act as a representative and ambassador for the Greater Columbus Arts Council and the city of Columbus. Within 30 days of the residency recipient's return to Columbus, s/he is required to provide GCAC with a written final report regarding the residency. If the artist fails to submit a report, s/he will be ineligible for future Individual Artists Fellowship awards. Additionally, the recipient will be asked to give a visual presentation and verbal report to GCAC's Board of Trustees within three (3) months of her/his return.