



2023 Artist Fellowship Application Guidelines

In 2016, Erie Arts & Culture committed to making a greater investment in the artists living and working in Erie County by establishing the annual Artist Fellowship program. The agency saw a need to provide artists with unrestricted funding that could be used to pursue artistic development and growth.

Originally, Erie Arts & Culture awarded three fellowships annually – two to emerging artists and one to an established artist. In 2020, the agency’s Grantmaking Committee reviewed the program’s eligibility requirement through the lens of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Upon further reflection, the Erie Arts & Culture Board of Trustees and Grantmaking Committee decided that it was necessary to revise program criteria and guidelines. Starting in 2020, the fellowship program includes three artist categories: Emerging, Mid-Career, and Established.

Eligible disciplines are Visual, Media, Performing, and Language Arts.

Artists 18 years of age or older must demonstrate their commitment to living and working in Erie County as part of their application. Full-time students, including secondary or higher ed students, are ineligible to apply.

Fellowships will not be awarded to interpretative artists such as dancers, actors, or musicians who solely perform the work of others. Applicants must be the originators of the work; i.e. choreographers or playwrights.

Fellowships will be awarded to artists regardless of their gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or belief affiliation.

Emerging Artist Fellowship (\$2,000)

Emerging - An emerging artist is someone who is in the early stage of their career and has a modest independent body of work. At this stage in the artist’s career, solo exhibitions or performances of their work are often limited and recognition and opportunities occur primarily at the local level.

Mid-career Artist Fellowship (\$3,500)

A mid-career artist is an artist who has created an independent body of work over a number of years. At this stage in the artist’s career, one has received a number of solo exhibitions or performances through esteemed venues, either regionally and nationally.

Established Artist Fellowship (\$5,500)

An established artist is mature in their career. They have created an extensive body of independent work and may even be an influencer in their respective disciplines. At this stage in their career, an established artist has an

advanced level of achievement and has sustained national and even possibly international opportunities and recognition.

All fellowship funds will be expended between December 1, 2022 and November 30, 2023.

Within 30 days of the end of the fellowship period, artists will submit a final report to Erie Arts & Culture. This two-page summary will document how the fellowship award supported their artistic development and growth. Reports should include supporting photographs or videos.

Who can apply?

To be eligible for the award, applicants must be 18 years old or older, and be a current resident of Erie County, PA. Applicants cannot be a full-time student of any kind at the time of the application deadline. Applicants cannot be a member of Erie Arts & Culture's board of Trustees, subcommittees, or staff, or be an immediate relative of a member of Erie Arts & Culture's board of Trustees, subcommittees, or staff.

Please note: Former EAC Fellows must wait 3 years to reapply for the fellowship program.

What is the deadline to apply?

Applications must be submitted online **by 11:30 pm August 29, 2022**. No applications will be accepted after the deadline. Artist Fellowship awards will be announced by November 30, 2022.

How do I apply?

1. All applications and support materials must be uploaded and submitted via the online application at **<https://erieartsculture.submittable.com>**. The link to the online application can also be found on **www.erieartsandculture.org**. Erie Arts & Culture will not accept any physical copies.
2. You are able to save a draft of your online application and return to it later. You may also download the Microsoft Word or PDF version of the application available at **www.erieartsandculture.org**, and complete your narrative prior to beginning the online form. Then, begin the online application.
3. Fill in the online application and upload the required support materials. Each application will have varying components depending on the discipline in which an applicant is applying. Please refer to the category guidelines for further assistance in completing the application.
4. Submit the application. When the application is complete and all required support materials have been attached, click the Submit button on the bottom of the application form to submit an application.

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