

## 2018 Artist Fellowship Application Guidelines

Founded under the legal name The Arts Council of Erie in 1960, Erie Arts & Culture is the oldest arts council in Pennsylvania. Erie Arts & Culture is a backbone organization uniting and supporting local arts and culture by offering services to providers of arts and cultural products and activities, investors and the general public.

Erie Arts & Culture is pleased to make available Artist Fellowships of up to \$6,000 to individual artists living and working in Erie County, PA for unrestricted use. The program is designed to support the ongoing growth and development of Erie County's creative community. Funding for this program is made possible by contributions made to the Erie Arts Endowment, Combined Campaign for Arts and Culture and special giving events like Erie Gives Day.

Artist Fellowships are not project grants but are instead intended to fund an artist's vision as displayed across a single criterion of work. ***For the 2018 cycle, applications will be accepted from the Performing and Language Arts categories only. Please see Artist Fellowships FAQs for a listing of disciplines within these categories.***

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, belief affiliation or ability/disability.

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### Emerging Artist Fellowship (\$2,500)

The Emerging Artist Fellowships are two \$2,500 cash awards made over a 12-month period to individual artists living and working in Erie County, PA for unrestricted use. Emerging Artists Fellowships are intended to expand an artist's vision or voice by identifying a specific idea or investigation that will be targeted during the term of the fellowship.

### Established Artist Fellowship (\$6,000)

The Established Artist Fellowship is a \$6,000 cash award made over a 12-month period to an individual artist living and working in Erie County, PA for unrestricted use. The fellowship is not a project grant but is intended to fund an artist's vision or voice, regardless of the level of his or her artistic development

***Within 30 days of the end of the fellowship period, artists will submit to Erie Arts & Culture a final report which is to include a two-page summary of the fellowship and documentation (i.e. photographs or video). The artists will also be asked to present a summary of their fellowship at one of Erie Arts & Culture's events.***

### Who can apply?

To be eligible for the award, applicants must be 25 years old or older, and be a current resident of Erie County,

PA for at least the two consecutive years prior to the application deadline. Applicants must neither be enrolled in a graduate or undergraduate degree program of any kind at the time of the application deadline nor may they be a member of Erie Arts & Culture's board of directors, subcommittees or staff, or be an immediate relative of a member of Erie Arts & Culture's board of directors, subcommittees or staff.

***For the 2018 cycle, applications will be accepted from Performing and Language Arts disciplines only.***

## **How do I select which Artist Fellowship to apply to?**

Three Artist Fellowships will be awarded in the 2018 cycle. One \$6,000 fellowship will be awarded to an Established Artist, and two \$2,500 fellowships will be awarded to Emerging Artists. The following definitions are intended to assist artists in selecting which fellowship opportunity to apply for.

**Emerging Artists** are creators in the early stages of their careers and have "voices" that reveal significant potential. They have some evidence of professional achievement but have not yet established solid reputations as artists within their discipline. They have rigorous approaches to creation and production and created modest independent bodies of work. The fellowship would move their work to the next level.

**Established Artists** are creators in a more advanced stage in their career. They have created extensive bodies of independent work and reached advanced levels of achievement by sustaining recognized contributions to their disciplines in Erie County, PA or beyond. The fellowship would provide recognition and honor their achievements.

## **What is the deadline to apply?**

Applications must be submitted online **by 11:30 pm July 1, 2018**. No applications will be accepted after the deadline. Artist Fellowship awards will be announced by November 30, 2018.

## **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](http://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](http://www.erieartsandculture.org)**, and complete your narrative prior to beginning the online form. Then, begin the online application. Select either the Established Artist Fellowship or Emerging Artist Fellowship. **Applicants may apply to only one of these fellowship opportunities.**
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.

**QUESTIONS?** Contact Melinda Meyer, Program Director at (814) 452-3427 or [melinda@erieartsandculture.org](mailto:melinda@erieartsandculture.org).



## 2018 Artist Fellowship Application (Online)

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE:** Applications must be submitted online at <https://erieartsculture.submittable.com> by 11:30 pm July 1, 2018 for consideration. No applications will be accepted after the deadline.

### Application Type:

Check one. See application guidelines for definitions.

- Emerging Artist Fellowship  
 Established Artist Fellowship

### Discipline Category:

Erie Arts & Culture is accepting applications in the Performing and Language Arts categories only for the 2018 Artist Fellowship cycle. See the FAQs sheet for the list of disciplines that are categorized as Visual & Media Arts.

### Applicant Information

Artist Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Web Address: (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

### Verification of Eligibility

To be eligible, applicants requesting an Artist Fellowship must answer 'Yes' to ALL of the following criteria:

Applicant is a current resident of Erie County, PA who has lived in the county for at least two consecutive years prior to the application deadline.  Yes  No

Applicant is 25 years of age or older.  Yes  No

Applicant does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, color, religion, national origin, handicap, sexual orientation, marital status, gender or gender identity in any activities receiving public funds.  Yes  No

Applicant is not currently enrolled in a graduate or undergraduate degree program of any kind at the time of the application deadline.  Yes  No

Applicant is in good standing in accordance with Erie Arts & Culture (has provided all contract requirements to date).  Yes  No

Applicant is not a member of Erie Arts & Culture's board of directors, subcommittees or staff, or be an immediate relative of a member of Erie Arts & Culture's board of directors, subcommittees or staff.  Yes  No

All activity related to the fellowship will occur between December 1, 2018 and November 30, 2019.  Yes  No

## **Applicant Certification**

I certify that the information contained herein and in all attachments and supporting material is true and correct.

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Applicant Electronic Signature

Date

## **Narrative**

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### **1. Artist Biography/Resume (Required)\***

In the space provided, detail your achievements and work performed. (500 word maximum)

\*If the application is being submitted by a collaboration of artists (up to three), please include Artist Biographies/Resumes for the one or two additional artists in the Supplemental Materials section of the grant application. Only one set of statements and work sample(s), however, is required for the collective application.

### **2. Artist Statement (Required)**

Explain what you create, how and why you create it, and how you understand the meaning of your work. As you craft your response, consider what influences you the most, how does your art relate to the art of your contemporaries, and what do you want others to understand about your art. (350 word maximum)

### **3. Work Statement (Required)**

Explain your artistic practice as exemplified in your work samples. This statement could give more context to the conceptual underpinning of the work or focus on the processes involved. As you craft your response, consider what are the origins of this work, how was the work created, and how does this work represent the primary concerns and intentions of your artistic practice. It is important that you are clear and concise in your writing. (350 word maximum)

### **4. Technical Statement (Optional)**

In addition to the Work Statement, you may provide a brief Technical Statement describing the relationship of the work samples to your overall work. You may use this supplemental statement to highlight key technical aspects of the work that may further orient the panelists to the context, concept, and execution of work samples. (350 word maximum)

### **5. Descriptions of Work Samples (Required)**

Please provide descriptions with your submitted work samples including the title of the piece, date the work was performed/produced/published, credits\*, dimensions (for pieces where size is relevant) and any other additional information (location, created/performed for, etc). (500 word maximum)

\*If another artist was involved in the creation of your work sample, please identify the collaborating artist.

### **6. Work Samples (Required)**

Choose work that you have created in the last three to five years and represents your vision as an artist. The fellowship is intended to fund an artist's voice or vision; select work(s) that represent a strong stylistic presence, voice, or theme. Show the panel the depth rather than breadth of your work, and include a sample of something that you do well. When making your work sample selection, narrow it down to focus on one or two bodies of work that relate in some comprehensive way.

**Work Sample Format**

PDF:

Maximum file size is 10MB

Up to ten (10) PDFs may be uploaded

IMAGES:

Must be .jpg files and in the RGB color space.

The recommended size for images is 1240x1240 pixels

Up to ten (10) images may be uploaded

AUDIO:

Must be .mp3 files

Maximum file size is 10MB

Up to two (2) audio files may be uploaded

VIDEO:

Must be one of the following formats: .mov, .mp4, .mpg, .avi

Maximum file size is 50MB

Recommended size for video is a width of 480 pixels or more

Up to two (2) video files may be uploaded

Files should be numbered in the order you would like them to be reviewed and labeled with your last name, e.g  
*Smith01.jpg, Smith02.jpg, Smith03.jpg.*