

Artist Fellowships Overview

Who May Apply

The program operates on a two-year cycle. **Songwriters** (Christian/gospel, contemporary acoustic/folk, country, hip-hop, pop/adult contemporary, R&B and rock/alternative), **composers** (jazz, chamber, electronic, experimental and symphonic music) **and writers** (poetry, prose, playwriting and screenwriting) are eligible to apply for the Monday, Nov. 1, 2010, deadline.

Choreographers and visual, craft and film/video artists will be eligible to apply in November 2011. Future applicants may find these guidelines helpful, understanding that changes may be made when the copy is revised next year. No applications for the 2011 deadline will be accepted before the new guidelines and application are posted in September 2011.

Artists who received a fellowship for 2006–2007, 2007–2008, 2008–2009, 2009–2010 or 2010–2011 are not eligible to apply this year.

Artists may submit only one fellowship application per year. For collaborations, only one member of the collaborative team should submit the application on behalf of the group; however, the names of all collaborating members must be included in the application and collaborators must all meet the eligibility guidelines.

Criteria

Fellowship applicants must certify on the application form that they:

- are at least 18 years old;
- are a U.S. citizen or holder of permanent resident alien status;
- have been a year-round resident of N.C. for at least one year immediately prior to the application deadline;
- will remain a N.C. resident during the grant period and be physically present in the state for the majority of the grant period;
- are not enrolled at the time of application and will not be enrolled during the grant period in an academic or degree-granting program.

Artists recommended for a fellowship will be required to supply proof of current N.C. residency status and to sign a contract pledging compliance with the eligibility rules listed above.

What We Fund

Fellowships in the amount of \$10,000 support the creative development of N.C. artists and the creation of new work. Fellowship funds may be used to:

- Set aside time to work
- Pursue projects that further artistic development and support the realization of specific creative ideas

- Buy supplies and equipment
- Fund expenses related to the activities listed above: for example, costs related to studio construction or improvements

Fellowship funds may not be used to support academic research or formal study toward an academic or professional degree.

How We Make Funding Decisions

A panel of professionals with expertise in your discipline will review all the applications submitted in your category. (N.C. Arts Council staff does not screen the applications except for completeness and eligibility.)

The primary evaluation criterion is artistic excellence based on work samples submitted with the application. In making its final recommendations, the panel will also take into consideration the description of the plans for use of the fellowship and how the grant will make a difference in the artist's work.

Deadline and Project Period

The deadline for submission of the online application is 5 p.m. Monday, Nov. 1, 2010. Work sample packets (writers only) must be postmarked by Nov. 1, 2010. We do not accept fax or e-mail transmissions.

All grant-related activities must take place between July 1, 2011, and June 30, 2012.

Categories

Click on a title below to read the guidelines for that category and find a link to the online application. Guidelines for the craft, visual, film/video categories are provided for information only. Artists in these disciplines will be eligible to apply at the November 2011 deadline.

[**Composers and Songwriters**](#)

[**Playwrights and Screenwriters**](#)

[**Poets and Prose Writers**](#)

[**Choreographers**](#)

[**Craft Artists**](#)

[**Film and Video Artists**](#)

[**Visual Artists**](#)

Guidelines are subject to change from year to year. Updated guidelines and application forms for the current eligible categories are posted on the N.C. Arts Council Web site in September each year.