



**CAMDEN
FIREWORKS**
Space for artists

2023 Self-Taught Artist Regrant Program

Camden FireWorks' mission is to use art to create social change. Thanks to funding from NJ Arts and Culture Renewal Fund, our 2023 Self-Taught Artist Regrant Program intends to recognize, uplift, and celebrate New Jersey self-taught visual artists. The Program will provide unrestricted grants to help build the scale, depth and reach of emerging artists from south Jersey.

This program supports self-taught artists at pivotal moments in their careers and elevates their capacity for continued contribution to the arts field and New Jersey. Grant awards will sustain artists from a broad spectrum of artistic practices, backgrounds, geographies and communities, whose work may include themes interrogating race, diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility.

Priority will be given to BIPOC artists and artists from the LGBTQIA+ community.

ELIGIBILITY

Individual artists, ages 21 years and older, living in Camden, Burlington, or Gloucester Counties in New Jersey are eligible. Artists may apply through either of the following categories:

Book Arts	Jewelry	Printmaking
Ceramics	Mixed Media	Sculpture
Drawing/Illustration	Painting	Wearable Textiles
Fiber Arts	Photography	

NOTE: Current students and those possessing fine arts degrees are not eligible for this grant program.

Through which category are you applying? *

AWARD CRITERIA

A panel of arts professionals, artists, and community representatives will review applications and decide on funding based on specific funding criteria and priorities of the Program.

Recipients of the unrestricted grants will be chosen through a process that evaluates the following areas:

- **Who Are You?** Describes applicant's personal story, artistic medium or practice, challenges and accomplishments, and long-term aspirations for their work. (40 Points)
- **What Have You Done?** Shows applicant's dedication to art production, technique development and a growth in craftsmanship (35 Points)
- **How Will This Funding Help You?** Demonstrates the artist's clear and strong personal, artistic, and professional impact that would be achieved with support. (25 Points)

SUPPORT TIERS

Artists may apply to one of four tiers of support:

- *Newly Established* - \$250 (Approximately 7 awards) Self-taught artists with less than 2 years of documented artistic practice
- *Mid-Career* - \$500 (Approximately 5 awards) Self-taught artists with between 2 and 4 years of documented artistic practice
- *Legacy* - \$1,000 (Approximately 3 awards) Self-taught artists with more than 4 years of documented artistic practice
- *Perseverance* - \$2,500 (Only 1 award) A self-taught artist with more than 4 years of artistic work who has persevered in their creative practice despite personal challenges. (These challenges may include illness, catastrophic emergencies, or other similar difficulties.)

For which support tier are you applying? *

SUPPORT DOCUMENTS

All of the following items are required to be uploaded into the application form.

Proof of Residency - Provide a copy of NJ driver's license or ID. Applicant must also upload either a recent telephone bill (no older than September 1), current residential lease or mortgage listing the applicant's name and address, or voter registration card.

Artistic Work ("What Have You Done?") - Submit up to six samples that represent the evolution of applicant's art.

NOTE: All application materials must be submitted by **Sunday, October 15, 2023** (by midnight Eastern Standard Time.) Late entries will not be accepted.

NOTIFICATION OF AWARDS

Grant recipients will be notified via email by **Tuesday, October 31, 2023**. Grant proceeds will be provided directly to the applicant at a Recipient Meet and Greet on Sunday, November 5, 2023 at 3 pm. Grant decisions are final.

GRANT RECIPIENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Camden FireWorks takes its stewardship of public funds seriously and expects funded artists to do the same. Artists who receive funding can expect the following list of responsibilities:

- Sign a Grant Agreement (contract) stating the terms of the funding.
- Submit a completed W-9 form for payment processing.
- Attend the Self-Taught Artist Re grantee Meet and Greet on Sunday, November 5, 2023 at 3pm to receive a grant award check.
- Submit a Final Report attesting to the impact of the funds received.
- Make the public aware of your grant by crediting Camden FireWorks and the NJ Arts and Cultural Renewal Fund for any project-specific work. The following credit language is required: *Camden FireWorks made this program possible with a grant from the New Jersey Arts and Culture Renewal Fund.*

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Legal First Name *

Legal Last Name *

Artist Alias (if any)

Preferred Pronouns *

Street Address *

City *

State *

Zip Code *

County of Residence *

Phone Number *

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E-mail Address *

Instagram Account

@example

Other Social Media Account

EDUCATION:

Are you currently a College Student? *

- Yes
- No

Do you have a Bachelor or Master's Degree in a Fine Arts discipline? *

- Yes
- No

Demographic Data

How many years have you been a practicing artist? *

- Less than 2 years
- Between 2 and 4 years
- More than 4 years

What is your sexual orientation? *

- Asexual
- Bisexual
- Gay or Lesbian
- Pansexual
- Queer
- Straight
- Two-Spirit
- I prefer not to respond

What is your race/ethnicity? *

- American Indian/Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Hispanic/Latino

White

I prefer not to respond

PERSONAL STORY: WHO ARE YOU?

Camden FireWorks' Self-Taught Artist Regrant Program intends to recognize, uplift, and celebrate New Jersey self-taught visual artists. As the only independent art gallery in the city of Camden, NJ, we prioritize relationship-building over transactional work. The following questions give you an opportunity to build a relationship with us by sharing your personal story. Responses to each prompt may be written or provided as a link to a video or audio version (5 minutes or less).

Tell us about yourself...who are you and to whom do you belong? What makes you, you? Feel free to share any details that will help us get to know you as a person. *

When did you know you were an artist? How did you decide to work in your particular medium? Who inspires you to pursue your craft? *

Help us see your vision for the future. What are your long-term aspirations for your work? How will you continue to grow and evolve as an artist? *

ARTISTIC WORK: What Have You Done?

Applicants are asked to submit samples that represent the evolution of their art. Label your images as follows: LAST_FIRST_TITLE_DATE OF WORK (Example: Brown_Tina_TheRevue_10012021)

Submit up to six images from your work as follows:

1. your earliest work in the medium (**we want to see what your work looked like when you first started out**)
2. your work in the medium after you've had a little more experience (**what have you learned and how is that reflected in your technique?**)
3. recent work in the medium (within the last year) - **how have you demonstrated your improvement in skill and dedication to your craft?**

ARTIST IMPACT: How Will This Funding Help You?

Although this funding is unrestricted and does not have to be used for a specific project, we want to understand how it will benefit you. As clearly as possible, describe the impact that this grant will make in helping you achieve personal, artistic or professional goals. *

APPLICANT CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information in this application is true, correct and that the application was written by the applicant. I understand that falsification of any information will result in disqualification of my submission.

I understand that this application will be assessed based on the information provided and submission of it does not guarantee that I will receive a grant. I agree that in the event I am a grant recipient, this form also serves as a release to use my name in press releases, etc. announcing and promoting this Program.