



Sierra Arts Foundation Grants to Artists Program

Fill out this form completely. You may email it to eric@sierra-arts.org,

OR

Print and Return application form and requested materials before

4:00 pm Friday, May 22, 2015 to:

Sierra Arts – Grants to Artists Program

17 S. Virginia St., Ste. 120

Reno, NV 89501

Name:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Phone/Cell Phone:

Email:

Website:

Artistic Discipline (*choose one*): Visual, Performing, Literary?

Classification (*choose one*): Student, Professional

Briefly describe your primary art form:

Have you previously received a SAF grant?

Specify date and amount:

Materials submitted with this grant application:

Signature of Applicant:

Date:

2015 Grant Application information

The Sierra Arts Foundation has provided grants to artists working in the northern Nevada and northeastern California region since 1986. Intended to encourage personal artistic growth, the awards are merit-based and free of obligatory stipulations. Applicants displaying defined plans to pursue educational opportunities and create innovative work in visual, performing, and literary disciplines have an increased likelihood of receiving funding. The Sierra Arts Grants Committee reviews each grant application in detail, taking time to carefully assess the level of quality made evident by the artwork and performances under consideration.

Eligibility –

Any individual artist residing within a 100 mile radius of Reno may submit an application. The following exceptions apply:

- Previous recipients of Grants to Artists are ineligible for a period of three (3) years regardless of change in artistic discipline or classification categories.
- Artists presented with the prestigious Rosemary MacMillan Award for Lifetime Excellence after 1999 are also exempt.

Procedure –

Submit a completed application (above), with the following materials:

Required materials:

- Completed statement of limited liability form (*end of document*)
- Resume of artistic experience, education, and accomplishments (*no more than 2 pages, PDF ONLY*)
- “Documentation” sheet – refer to Guidelines section on the next page for specific details (*PDF ONLY*)
- One letter of recommendation (*optional, PDF ONLY*)
- Cover letter to clarify any information in need of explanation (*optional, PDF ONLY*)

Additionally Sierra Arts requests to retain possession of all audio, visual, and literary documentation materials of grant recipients for one year after awarding grants.

**Note that 4:00 pm Friday, May 22, 2015 is the deadline to apply, not a postmark date.
Applications lacking materials or arriving late will not be accepted.**

Guidelines –

Visual Artists

Artists working in visual arts are required to submit 10 images by online submission, CD, or Email. Label both the disc and case with applicant's name if submitting a CD. Save images with ".jpg" extension at 72dpi. Confine dimensions to 1000 pixels in any direction. If emailing or uploading your images please make sure the total file size does not exceed 10MB. Files should be named in sequential order and include the artist's last name. Order files as they are listed on the 'Documentation' sheet which should include title, medium, dimensions, and year of completion for each piece.

Example:

File Name	Title	Medium	Dimensions	Year of Completion
01Picasso.jpg	<i>Guernica</i>	Oil on Canvas	137" x 305"	1937

Artists working in film/video are required to submit between 5:00 and 10:00 minutes of animation or live action production. Acceptable formats of documentation include DVD with label on DVD and case either as a self-playing DVD or ".avi", ".mov", ".m4v", or ".mp4", a YouTube or Vimeo video link. **We prefer a YouTube or Vimeo video link.** Multiple examples of work may be included, no more than 5. Provide a 5 second buffer between segments. The 'Documentation' sheet for film/video applicants includes information on the title, total duration of the work, time allotted on the media for each segment, and the year of completion.

Example:

Artist	Title	Total duration:	Time of media:	Year of Completion
James Cameron	<i>The Abyss</i>	138:00	0:00 – 5:30	1989

Performing Artists

Performing artists are required to submit audio or video documentation between 2:00 and 5:00 minutes in duration. **We prefer a YouTube or Vimeo video link.** Acceptable formats of documentation include: Audio Files ".wma", ".mp3", ".m4a" or Video Files ".avi", ".mov", ".m4v", or ".mp4". If total size of the files are less than 10MB, please feel free to upload below or email. Or send a hard copy by either CD or DVD. Multiple examples of work may be included, no more than 5. Provide a 5 second buffer between segments if creating a self-playing CD, DVD or online video compilation. Though grants are awarded to individual artists, artists performing or creating in ensembles, companies, or collaborations may submit samples of work from these sources. A 'Documentation' sheet including the category of work, title, total duration of the work, time allotted on the media for each segment, and year of completion is required.

Example:

Artist	Category	Title	Total duration:	Time of media:	Year of Completion:
Steve Reich	music	<i>Piano Phase</i>	20:36	0:00 – 2:25	1967

Literary Artists

Artists working in literary arts are required to submit 5 pages of original work typed in 12-point font, double-spaced and numbered at the bottom either by email or online submission as a **PDF**. Additional pages may be submitted but the committee may choose not to review more than the requested pages. All works should be clearly labeled with the artist's name, title of the piece, and the date it was written or completed. Each page should include the artist's name and the page number.

For additional information please contact Sierra Arts Foundation at (775) 329-2787 or email eric@sierra-arts.org.

Awards:

\$500 for Students (this includes High School and Undergraduates)

\$1000 for Professionals (individuals currently enrolled in a Masters program or professional working artists)

\$5000 Rosemary MacMillian Award for Lifetime Excellence in the Arts

STATEMENT OF LIMITED LIABILITY

Although Sierra Arts will exercise reasonable care with your materials, it assumes no liability for any loss of or damage to materials while in its possession, nor does it assume any liability for loss of or damage to materials while in transit to or from Sierra Arts.

The decisions of the Sierra Arts Foundation Grants To Artists Program and its committee shall remain private, final, and without appeal. Only the names of grant recipients will be publicly disclosed.

I understand and accept the terms and conditions stated above:

Applicant's printed name

Applicant's Social Security Number

Applicant's signature

Date

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