

## JGS (Joy of Giving Something) Fellowship for Photography Application Guidelines

### Overview

The New York Foundation for the Arts (NYFA) is proud to announce the creation of the \$7,000 JGS Fellowship for Photography. The Fellowships are to be awarded to five (5) New York State-based photographers each cycle who are living and working outside New York City.

Funding is provided by *The Joy of Giving Something*. Joy of Giving Something, Inc. ("JGS") is a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to the photographic arts. JGS grants are utilized to support artists working in photography, artists in residence programs, and new works, exhibitions and publications featuring artists working in photography.

Established in 1971, the mission of New York Foundation for the Arts (NYFA) is to empower artists and arts organizations across all disciplines at critical stages in their creative lives and professional development. NYFA serves individual artists through providing financial and informational assistance across four flagship programs: Fiscal Sponsorship, NYFA Learning, Online Resources, and Awards and Grants.

### Who Can Apply?

The *JGS Fellowship for Photography* is open to New York State photography artists, living and working anywhere in the following New York State regions: **Western New York, Finger Lakes, Southern Tier, Central New York, North Country, Mohawk Valley, Capital District, Hudson Valley and Long Island.**

1. Applicants must work in photography.
2. Applicants can work in traditional and experimental photography or any form in which photography or photographic techniques are pivotal, if not exclusive.
3. Applicants must be a current full-time resident of New York State and have lived full-time in one of the regions listed above for a minimum of 12 months at the time applications close.
4. Applicants must live in one of the following counties: *Albany, Allegany, Broome, Cattaraugus, Cayuga, Chautauqua, Chemung, Chenango, Clinton, Columbia, Cortland, Delaware, Dutchess, Erie, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Genesee, Greene, Hamilton, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Livingston, Madison, Monroe, Montgomery, Nassau, Niagara, Oneida, Onondaga, Ontario, Orange, Orleans, Oswego, Otsego, Putnam, Rensselaer, Rockland, St. Lawrence, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Schuylar, Seneca, Steuben, Suffolk, Sullivan, Tioga, Tompkins, Ulster, Warren, Washington, Wayne, Westchester, Wyoming, and Yates.*
5. Applicants must be at least 25 years of age at the time the application closes.
6. Students in bachelor's or master's degree programs of any kind are not eligible to apply.
7. All past recipients of any NYFA grant or Fellowship are eligible to apply.
8. NYFA employees, members of the NYFA Board of Trustees or Artists' Advisory Committee, and/or an immediate family member of any of the above **cannot** apply.

**Applications need to include:**

- Artist contact details
- 200-Word *Artist Statement* giving general insight into their artist practice
- 200-Word *Work Statement* giving further specific context to the works samples submitted with the application and how they relate to the artists ideas and themes
- Work Samples: Up-to 10 .jpg images of the artist works created within the last 5 years

**Award Cycle Dates:**

**Opens: Wednesday February 5, 2020 Closes: Wednesday May 13, 2020 at 11: 59PM**

**All applications must be submitted online at <https://apply.nyfa.org/submit>**

Applications submitted after this deadline will not be accepted and no exceptions will be made. We highly recommend that applicants complete their applications in advance of the deadline to allow time for work samples to upload and to avoid potential technical problems.

Applicants will receive an automatic response from Submittable once their application has been successfully received.

For more information please email [fellowships@nyfa.org](mailto:fellowships@nyfa.org) or visit our website:

<https://www.nyfa.org/Content/Show/JGS-Fellowship-for-Photography>

**How to Apply:**

**1. Create a new application online**

All applications and work samples must be uploaded and submitted via the online application platform Submittable at <https://apply.nyfa.org/submit> . NYFA does not accept any physical copies of applications.

Applicants must have a Submittable account in order to access the application form and upload supporting materials. To create an account, click on the *Joy of Giving Something Fellowship for Photography* application, enter your details, and click *Create Account and Continue*. A verification email will be sent to your email address; check your inbox and click on the link provided in the email to verify your account. If you already have an account, sign in and begin the application.

\*If you do not receive an e-mail from *Submittable* in your inbox, be sure to check your Spam/Junk inbox.

**2. Begin your online application**

All applicants are required to submit their contact information. Please provide your full legal name as it appears on all government issued forms of identification in the Applicant Information section. Please also provide your current physical address, as well as your most frequently used email address and phone number.

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### 3. Submit an Artist Statement & a Work Statement

**Artist Statement:** Applicants must submit a 200-word (max) statement about their artistic practice. An Artist Statement is an overarching statement about the ideas and themes the artists addresses in their work samples and how they create.

**Work Statement:** Applicants must submit a 200-word (max) statement directly related to the work samples submitted. The Work Statement should explain an applicant's artistic practice as exemplified by their work samples. This statement could give more context as to the conceptual underpinning of the work, or focus on the processes involved. When writing the work statement it is important to be clear and concise.

#### Questions to consider for your Work Statement:

- What is this work about?
- How was it created?
- How does this work represent the primary concerns and intentions of your artistic practice?

### 4. Upload your Work Samples

*The Joy of Giving Something Fellowship for Photography* only accepts images as Work Samples.

Please upload up-to 10 digital images using the following specifications:

**File name:** Labeled with applicant's last name and a number, e.g "Smith01.jpg, Smith02.jpg, etc."

**Dimensions:** 1500 pixels wide

**File size:** No larger than 4.0 MB (each image)

**File format:** .jpg

Image files should be numbered 01 - 10 in the order the applicant would like them to be seen. Once each image has been upload, caption fields will appear within the application. Please provide descriptions for each image that include the **title, date, dimensions (only is applicable)**, and any **additional** information.

#### Quick Tips for Image Work Samples:

- You do not need to submit 10 images if you feel your work is represented well with fewer, and submitting fewer will not detract from the review of your application.
- Composite images are not accepted. A composite image is a single image file that is comprised of multiple images.

- Ensure your images are in focus, were taken in good lighting, and represent your work well.
- Be sure to note whether an image is a (detail) or (installation view) in the title.

### **5. Submit your application.**

Review your application before you submit. Once the application is submitted you will not be able to reopen your application.

You will receive an automatic confirmation notification from Submittable once your application has been successfully submitted. If you do not see this confirmation, please contact [fellowships@nyfa.org](mailto:fellowships@nyfa.org).

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