JOY OF GIVING SOMETHING (JGS) FELLOWSHIP FOR PHOTOGRAPHY
Application Guidelines

Application Deadline:
Wednesday, June 30, 2021 5PM EST
NYFA only accepts application submitted online at apply.nyfa.org/submit

The JGS Fellowship for Photography is a $7,000 cash grant to be awarded to five (5) New York State-based photography artists 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.

Opens: Wednesday April 7, 2021   Closes: Wednesday June 30, 2021 at 5:00PM

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 or visit our website: https://www.nyfa.org/awards-grants/the-jgs-fellowship-for-photography/

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ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT

NYFA is committed to supporting artists from every background, and at all stages in their creative careers. We strongly encourage artists of color, LGBTQ+ artists, artists with disabilities, and artists living outside of the metropolitan area to apply.

To request an accommodation or assistance in applying, please email fellowships@nyfa.org. We ask that requests for accommodation be made as soon as possible, or by Monday, June 14, 2021, to allow adequate time for staff to support you in submitting an application before the deadline.

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.

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Must work in photography. Traditional and experimental photography or any form in which photography or photographic techniques are pivotal, if not exclusive is eligible.
2. Need to 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. Be at least 25 years of age at the time the application closes.
5. Cannot be enrolled in a degree program of any kind.
6. All past recipients of any NYFA grant or Fellowship are eligible to apply.
7. Cannot be a past recipient of the JGS Fellowship for Photography
8. Cannot be a NYFA employee, members of the NYFA Board of Trustees or Artists' Advisory Committee, and/or an immediate family member of any of the above.
APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Artist contact details
- Artist Statement - up to 200-Words
- Work Statement - up to 200-Words
- Technical Statement - up to 200-Words
- Work Samples - up to 10 digital images of the artist works created within the last 5 years

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.

The Joy of Giving Something Fellowship is open to New York State photography artists, living and working beyond New York City in the following regions: Western New York, Finger Lakes, Southern Tier, Central New York, North Country, Mohawk Valley, Capital District, Hudson Valley and Long Island.

3. Submit an Artist Statement, a Work Statement, and a Technical Statement

Artist Statement: A short concise statement giving an overview of your artistic practice. This statement should give a brief introduction to ideas, themes and methods in your practice. This is not an Artist’s Bio. Up to 200 words.
**Work Statement:** A statement explaining your artistic vision as directly related to your submitted work samples. This is not an artist statement, but should instead reflect only the ideas and inspiration relevant ONLY to the work submitted. Up to 200 words.

**Questions to consider for your Work Statement:** Referencing only the submitted Work Samples
1. What is your submitted work about?
2. How does this work represent the primary concerns and intentions of your artistic practice as described in your artist statement?

**Technical Statement:** A statement describing the key technical aspects of the work. Use this statement to highlight your role in creating/executing the work. Up to 200 words.

**Questions to consider for your Technical Statement:** Referencing only the submitted Work Samples
1. How was the work created/executed?
2. What specific technologies/photographic techniques are integral to creating the work?

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.”
- **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 uploaded, 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 allowed.
- 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.

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