

NYSCA/NYFA Artists with Disabilities Grant Application Guidelines

Application Deadline:

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 at 5:00 PM EDT

NYFA only accepts application submitted online at apply.nyfa.org/submit

The program will distribute cash grants of \$1,000 to artists with a disability, who have experienced financial hardship due to the COVID-19 crisis to cover art related expenses. The grant will be open to visual, media, music, performing, literary, and multidisciplinary artists who live in New York State outside of the five boroughs of NYC.

After reviewing for completeness and eligibility, qualifying applicants will be selected for funding via a lottery process.

GRANT TIMELINE

Applications Open: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at 10:00 AM EDT

Applications Close: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 at 5:00 PM EDT

Applicants Notified: Friday, August 5, 2022

REQUEST AN ACCOMODATION

To request an accommodation or if you need assistance in applying online, please email apply@nyfa.org or call (212) 366-6900 ext. 264 on Mondays between 2:00 PM and 5:00 PM ET. For accommodation outside of the provided time slot, please email apply@nyfa.org to schedule a phone call. We ask that requests for accommodations be made as soon as possible, and no later than Tuesday, June 14 to allow adequate time for staff to support you in submitting an application before the deadline.

WHO CAN APPLY?

- Applicants must identify as disabled.
- Applicants need to be actively creating in visual, media, music, performing, literary, or or multidisciplinary arts. There should also be public engagement with the artist's work such as exhibitions, shows, community-based programs, performances, or other public presentations of the artist's work.
- Applicants need to provide documentation of a sustained commitment to their artistic practice from any time over the past 4 years (2018 to date).
- Applicants must be 21 years or older on or before Tuesday, May 17, 2022.
- Applicants must be current New York State residents who have lived outside of the five boroughs of NYC for at least the past twelve months. Only those who maintain residency outside the five boroughs of NYC will be considered.
- Applicants can be past recipients of any of NYFA's grant programs.
- Applicants do not need to be U.S. citizens but must be able to provide a W-9 with a Social Security Number (SSN) or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) or EIN (after selection).
- 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.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applications must be in English (though they may be translated by someone other than the applicant) and can be completed by a proxy if needed.

Applicants will need to provide the following documents:

1. **Documentation of a current sustained artistic practice over the past 4 years (2018 to date)** in the visual, media, music, performing, or literary arts by submitting:
 - **One** of the following:
 - **An up-to-date CV or resume** listing creative activities that the artist has participated in (please ensure dates are listed).
 - **A short artist biography up-to 300 words** outlining the artist's practice and accomplishments from anytime in the past 4 years (2018 to date). Where appropriate, please list dates and locations.
 - **AND one** of the following:
 - **Example of public engagement:** one press link/news article from any time between 2018 to date of the artist's creative activity.
Activities might include, but are not limited to: exhibition/show press release, exhibition/show review that the artist participated in, or promotional material of an exhibition or show or other published online documentation of the artist's creative practice.
 - **Recent work samples of work** created within the last four years, 2018 to date. Applicants will be able to upload

images, audio recordings, short video clips, or a PDF manuscript (excerpt only).

- **Reference:** A short letter of reference from a past curator or community arts organizer that has worked with you in a creative capacity within the past three years. Letters should be signed and dated and on a letterhead or email with email address and date visible.

OPTIONAL - Applicants can also provide an additional link to illustrate their online presence such as a link to Twitter, Instagram, or Facebook.

2. **Documentation of New York State residency:** Applicants will need to submit two (2) official letters or other documentation from the following dates:

- **Document 1:** Dated on or before April 2021
- **Document 2:** Dated anytime in 2022

Applications that submit documents that are dated outside of the eligible date ranges will not qualify for the grant.

The documents can be, but are not limited to: a utility bill, bank statement or bill, credit card statement, valid government ID listing address issued within the required dates, and/or residential or studio lease active within the required dates. The documents must include:

- Applicant's full name
- New York State address (outside of the five boroughs of NYC)
- Date (Document 1: Dated on or before April 2021 + Document 2: Dated anytime in 2022)

3. **Proof of age:** Upload passport or state-issued ID proving applicant is 21 years or older on or before Tuesday, May 17, 2022.