

Cultural Vibrancy Fellowship Application

The Cultural Vibrancy Fellowship supports individual artists across performing, visual, film, literary, and new media arts. Grants are offered in two categories: Adult and Youth.

General Requirements

- Applicants must show that funding is needed and will meaningfully advance their career, practice, or innovative ideas.
- Funds must be directed toward artistic pursuits such as project development, supplies, education, rehearsal space, marketing, or creative business growth.
- Must provide a fellowship impact statement at the conclusion of the program highlighting what was learned/gained.

Adult Fellowship

- Ages **19+**
- Must live or work in the Aspen Urban Growth Boundary at least **9 months** each year, including at least **3 months** prior to applying
- Up to **12** adult fellows, each receiving up to **\$5,000**
- May only receive fellowship once

Youth Fellowship

- Ages **14-18**
- Must either live in the Aspen Urban Growth Boundary or attend school within the **Aspen School District**
- Up to **10** youth fellows, each receiving **\$750**
- May receive fellowship more than once (previous fellowship impact statement must be received before another application will be considered)
- Must receive parental consent to participate.

Questions in **bold** require an answer.

Applicant Information

* 1. **Please type your full name in the space below.**

First name

Last name

* 2. **Please let us know the best email to reach you.**

Email address

* 3. **Please let us know the best phone number to reach you.**

Country code

Phone number

*** 4. May we text you at this number?**

- Yes
- No

*** 5. Please type your mailing address in the space below.**

Street address

Street address line 2

City

State

Zip code

*** 6. Please select all that apply to you.**

To be eligible for this fellowship, you must either attend school, work, or reside within the Aspen urban growth boundary.

Aspen Urban Growth Boundary Map (GIS)

- I reside within the Aspen Urban Growth Boundary
- I work within the Aspen Urban Growth Boundary
- I go to school within the Aspen Urban Growth Boundary

7. How did you hear about this opportunity?

Select all that apply.

- Friend/Family
- Teacher/Mentor
- Social Media
- Web Search

Other (please describe)

*** 8. Are you applying to the youth or adult program?**

- Youth (under 18)
- Adult (18+)

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Parent/ Legal Guardian Consent

Youth applicants will need parent/ legal guardian consent to participate in the program.

Youth Program | Parental Consent

* 14. Which school do you currently attend?

- Aspen High School
- Aspen Middle School
- Aspen Country Day
- Aspen Community School
- Homeschool (within the Aspen UGB)

* 15. Parent/ Legal Guardian Name

First name

Last name

* 16. What is this person's relation to you?

* 17. What is the best email to reach them?

Email address

* 18. What is the best phone number to reach them?

Country code

Phone number

* 19. I have permission from my parent/ legal guardian to submit this application.

If you have not obtained consent from your parent/ legal guardian to participate, please do so before submitting your application.

Yes

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Youth Program | **Funding Request**

This section of the application focuses on the funding request itself. Please be thoughtful in your responses. There are no right answers.

All youth awards will be given for \$750.

*** 20. Summarize how the grant will be used**

250 words or less. A more thorough description will be requested later in the application.

*** 21. Which arts field is your focus?**

- Performing arts
- Visual arts
- Film
- Literary arts
- New media

Other (please specify)

*** 22. Describe your funding request in detail. How do you intend to use your funds?**

Please limit your response to no more than 1,500 characters.

*** 23. Describe how this funding will help your grow as an artist or explore new ideas that you may not have been able to pursue otherwise.**

Please limit your response to no more than 1,500 characters.

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Required Submissions

Submission requirements vary based on artistic discipline. Please read through the submission requirements for your artistic discipline carefully to ensure you are submitting the appropriate files.

- File Name: TitleofWork_ArtistLastName_Medium_Yearof Completion

Artistic Discipline	Minimum Samples	Maximum Samples	Acceptable Media & Notes
Performing Artists	1	4	Video (Youtube/ Vimeo) <i>Not to exceed 15 minutes between all samples.</i>
Film Artists	1	4	Video (Youtube/ Vimeo) <i>Not to exceed 15 minutes between all samples.</i>
New Media Artists	2	4	Any digital format <i>Not to exceed 15 minutes between all samples.</i>
Visual Artists	6	10	Images (JPG, PNG, PDF)
Literary Artists	2	4	PDF/Word <i>Not to exceed 10,000 words between all samples</i>

△ Uploads are limited to 16 MB. Samples larger than 16 MB must provide a link (not upload).

24. Link #1

If your work exceeds 16 MB and/or is a video, please provide a link for online access.

25. Link #2

If your work exceeds 16 MB and/or is a video, please provide a link for online access.

26. Link #3

If your work exceeds 16 MB and/or is a video, please provide a link for online access.

27. Link #4

If your work exceeds 16 MB and/or is a video, please provide a link for online access.

28. Sample Work #1

Please upload a file no more than 16 MB which represents your completed work.

Choose File

Choose File

No file chosen

29. Sample Work #2

Please upload a file no more than 16 MB which represents your completed work.

Choose File

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No file chosen

30. Sample Work #3

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31. Sample Work #4

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32. Sample Work #5

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33. Sample Work #6

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34. Sample Work #7

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35. Sample Work #8

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36. Sample Work #9

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37. Sample Work #10

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Terms & Agreements

* 38. **Convenings**

All participants are required to participate in scheduled convenings and events throughout the fellowship.

Adults

- January 8th: Full-day retreat at Toklat Center.

Youth

- (Date TBC): 2-hour Evening welcome session in January
- Includes dinner and art-making activity at the Red Brick Center for the Arts

Adults & Youth

Participants will also attend a series of performances at the Wheeler Opera House. Each event includes 50 minutes for dinner, the performance, and group discussion.

1. January 27, 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM — Changemaker Speaker Series Bryan Smith: Capturing the Impossible
2. February 21, 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM — DanceAspen re:imagine
3. March 7, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM — BUGS Created by Kaki King and GLITCH
4. April 21, 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM — "Infinitely Yours" and other works by Miwa Matreyek
5. May 14, 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM — Closing Celebration Event

I agree to participate in all required convenings.

* 39. **Fellowship Impact Statement**

Within one month after the Fellowship ends, recipients must submit a written narrative and images describing how grant funds were used, how they contributed to the cultural vibrancy in the community.

I agree to submit the fellowship impact statement and images within one month of the fellowship's conclusion