

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	<input type="text" value="Jane"/>
Last name	<input type="text" value="Doe"/>

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

Email address	<input type="text"/>
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* 3. **Please let us know the best phone number to reach you.**

Country code	<input type="text" value="▼"/>
Phone number	<input type="text" value="+1"/>

*** 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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Adult Program | **Funding Request**

*** 9. What is the cash amount you are requesting?**

Please indicate a whole number up to \$5,000.

*** 10. Summarize how the grant assistance will be used.**

250 characters or less. This brief description will be used for public announcements and other program materials. A more thorough description will be requested further down.

*** 11. In which arts field do you work?**

- Performing arts
- Visual arts
- Film
- Literary arts
- New media
- Other (please describe)

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

Please limit your response to no more than 3,000 characters.

*** 13. Describe how this funding will help you 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 3,000 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

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

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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

* 40. **Community Contribution** [Adults only]

Adult fellows are expected to give back by fostering community connection and enriching Aspen's cultural environment. Contributions may take many forms such as mentoring youth artists, teaching, volunteering at art events, performing or exhibiting work, or advocating for new ways for Aspen to engage with art and artists.

- I agree to contribute to Aspen's cultural environment in a meaningful way.
- I am a youth and this does not apply to me.