Culture Elevates Artist Fellowships
Artist Fellowships

Direct, unrestricted grants to Massachusetts artists

2022 Grant Cycle

• Mass Cultural Council has committed over $1 million to Artist Fellowships
• Goal of doubling artists funded
• Grants of $15,000 and $5,000
Review Criteria

Artistic Quality and Creative Ability

Based on work samples submitted.

• Work samples completed last four years
• Original work
• Anonymously-judged

Note: Unique criteria for Traditional Arts

[Lynda Schlosberg (Painting Fellow ‘20), Crossing Over (2019), acrylic on panel, 36x36 in.]
Eligibility

Eligible

• 18 year or older
• Legal resident of Mass.

Ineligible

• Recent Artist Fellow
• High school, undergraduate, or graduate student in related degree
• Staff/Council Member or family

[Yary Livan (Traditional Arts Fellow ’12); Cambodian ceramicist, photo by Lynn Graton Martin.]
Apply Now in Drawing & Printmaking, Fiction/Creative Nonfiction, and Painting

Deadline: January 24, 2022

Results announced by June 2022.

[Daniela Rivera (Painting Fellow ’20, ’12), Labored Landscape, Where the Sky Touches the Ground, oil on canvas 12’ x 30’ x 30’]
Drawing & Printmaking

Submit five images

• 2 GB max file size.
• File Types: jpg, jpeg, gif, png.
• Name files by titles of work.

[Saira Wasim (Drawing & Printmaking Fellow ’20), Rest is History (2017), paper cut collage, ink and gouache on wasli paper 28.5” x 26” x 2”]
Fiction/Creative Nonfiction

Submit document file(s)

• Fiction, essays, memoir, graphic novels.
• Full stories/essays or excerpts.
• Up to 20 pages total

[Cover art for books by recent Fiction/Creative Nonfiction awardees.]
Painting

Submit five images

- 2 GB max file size.
- File Types: jpg, jpeg, gif, png.
- Name files by titles of work.

[Mary Lum (Painting Fellow ‘20), blue square (2019), construction paper and light 12” x 9”]
New Grants Management System

All Mass Cultural Council's programs will be in one grants management system now.

When logged in you will see all the programs and opportunities you might be eligible for.

https://massculturalcouncil.smartsimple.com
Every person that logs into Grants Management System is called a "User". What makes one User distinct from another is their email address.

Your email address is like your unique ID

Only one User per email address and one email address per User.

When you log in to the system you use your email address as the username.
I applied in the past, am I in the system already?

Probably.

We did migrate over individuals who have applied to the program in the past 20 years that we had email addresses for.

Do my old username and password still work?

No. Your email is your username and you will need to create a new password.
Heads Up – One “hat” rule

If you are an artist that wears multiple hats and you are going to be wearing different hats at different times, be aware that you will need more than one email address/account.

You can only wear one hat at a time in the system.

- Artist applying for Artist Fellowship Grant: Email address 1
- Local Cultural Council Member: Email address 2
- Staff person at Cultural Organization: Email address 3
Questions?

Need to contact us? Find “Artists” under the Staff listing at massculturalcouncil.org