

FY26 Artist Fellowship Award

Recognizing outstanding individual artists



Application Open

March 3, 2025

Application Deadline

May 1, 2025

Award Amount **Add:***

\$5,000 (no match required)

Eligibility Snapshot

Individual Artist, NV Resident, 21 years or older, non-student

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PERIOD OF SUPPORT

~~January–December 2026~~

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How the Program Works

The Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) Artist Fellowship Award from the Nevada Arts Council recognizes committed artists living in Nevada reaching pivotal moments in their artistic practice who demonstrate sustained excellence in their work. By acknowledging outstanding artistic accomplishments across a body of work the program promotes public awareness and appreciation of the role of the artist in our society. In odd fiscal years the grant is open to visual artists and in even fiscal years it is open to performing and literary artists.

Fiscal Year 2026 Discipline:

Literary Arts

- **Creative Prose (Fiction/Nonfiction) and Dramatic Writing:** literary work in all varieties and genres, such as excerpts from fiction novels, short stories, and writing for young adults **Add: or children**. Dramatic writing, including original stage plays, screenplays, and audio drama. **Add: Critique or review writing is not accepted.**
- **Poetry:** includes original work in all forms and genres of poetry.

Performing Arts

- **Dance, Choreography, Theater Performance and Theater Direction:** includes original choreography and performance in all dance forms **Add: such as** ballet, hip-hop, jazz, modern,

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and tap. Also includes theater performance and direction of a play, opera, musical, or a devised piece of work.

- **Music Performance and Composition:** includes original composition and performance in **all musical genres** **Add:** such as chamber, choral, electronic, experimental, jazz, opera, rock, country, pop, and symphonic.

Eligibility

- Must be a current Nevada resident and have been in residence for at least one year prior to the date of the application
- Must be a U.S. citizen or have legal permanent resident status
- Must be at least 21 years old
- Must not be enrolled as degree-seeking student **Add:** in a field related to the type of grant for which they are applying
- Artists working in collaborations or in groups must apply as individuals **Add:** and present their own work
- Individual artists applying for an Artist Fellowship must be actively practicing in the discipline
- Artists who have previously received two **Delete:** or more **Add:** Artist Fellowship **Add:** Awards from the Nevada Arts Council are ineligible

Award Amount: \$5,000 (no match required) **Add:** *

Awarded funds will be disbursed upon receipt of the signed awardee documents. The Artist Fellowship Award does not need to be used for any specific expenses or projects and is awarded to the artist as an **Add:** award **Delete:** honorarium. Applications for specific projects should be submitted to the Project Grant for Artists. All awardees must complete a Final Report **Delete:** online **Add:** by the date specified in their award packet to stay in compliance and remain eligible for future Nevada Arts Council grants and awards. **Delete:** The Final Report will request detailed information on all grant related activities.

Review Process/Criteria:

A review panel will adjudicate eligible applications using the criteria below and make funding recommendations to the Nevada Arts Council Board. Artist Fellowship Award applicants are evaluated using a concealed review process where each applicant is identified by a number for the purpose of panel discussion. For more information, please see the Grant Review Process in the current **Grant and Award Policies**.

- Clear demonstration of the artist's intent and process (10 points)
- Consistency in the exceptional caliber of the work (10 points)
- Evidence of artistic impact or contribution such as influence within a **Delete:** specific community or genre of art (10 pts)

How to Apply

1. Review the current **Grant and Award Policies** for additional information about the requirements associated with Nevada Arts Council Grants

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2. Review the **Application Questions and Support Material**
3. Complete the application [online](#)
4. Review [additional resources for applicants](#) ~~including a guide to submitting applications online.~~
5. If you need translation or language assistance, please contact the Grants Program at grants@nevadaculture.org.

Add: *Grant award amount is subject to change based upon available funding.