



SAAC Art Partners Artist Fellowship

Organization Overview

Starkville Area Arts Council (SAAC) is a public charity that serves as the local arts agency in Oktibbeha County, MS, with a mission to build a strong, creative, connected community through art. SAAC operates 2 key program areas: Art Education & Outreach and The Creative Economy. Each program runs various initiatives, including after-school programs, the Cotton District Arts Festival, and other outreach. Visit www.starkvillearts.net for more information.

Fellowship Overview

SAAC seeks 1-2 artists for its inaugural Art Partners Fellowship to build professional skills and resources that will help artists remain working as artists. As an independent contractor, the Fellow is responsible for teaching in after-school / outreach programs and co-managing exhibits. Applicants must be eager, curious, motivated, organized, and able to work fairly independently. Strong communication skills are required. Estimated time commitment will average roughly 8-9 hours per week, although some weeks will be lighter than others.

Responsibilities include:

- Develop a curriculum to teach at weekly after-school classes in our Art Partners initiative (~15 weeks/semester and ~10-12 weeks/summer at 3-4 sites total).
- Co-manage one community art-organizing outreach event, assisting with 1) volunteers, 2) art activities, and 3) publicity (~8-10 hours).
- Assist in logistics for our exhibit series, including installation, take-down, promotion, receptions, and sales (~6 exhibits per year).

The Fellowship runs September 1, 2021 to August 31, 2022. Renewable for an additional year, subject to Fellow's growth and funding.

The Fellow will receive:

- Flat monthly stipend of \$500 for 12 months (stipend will be higher if only one Fellowship is offered), plus a Fellowship Exhibit in our Art in Public Places series.
- Professional development through Business Skill Workshops/Big Bad Business Series sessions hosted by Starkville Area Arts Council, Yoknapatawpha Arts Council, or Mississippi Presenters Networks. Attendance at a majority of these is expected.
- Leadership development support currently in planning stages with the Mississippi Presenter's Network, along with assistance in writing individual grant applications to the Mississippi Arts Commission or South Arts or equivalent.



To apply:

Applicants must submit a cover letter, resume with references, and link to a body of creative work created within the previous 3 years to arts@starkvillearts.org before **July 1, 2021**. Preference is for “emerging artists.” In your cover letter, please be sure to elaborate how this criteria may apply to you. Only selected applicants will be contacted for interviews. Send questions to arts@starkvillearts.org with “Art Partners Fellowship” in the subject line. Fellows are expected to reside in or relocate to Oktibbeha County, MS, upon appointment. No relocation costs are currently available.