



HOWARD COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL

Resident Studio Artist Space Available

Request for Applications

Deadline: August 15, 2021

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The Howard County Arts Council (HCAC) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to serve the citizens of Howard County by fostering the arts, artists, and arts organizations. To fulfill its mission, HCAC offers a wide variety of programs and opportunities - grants to local and regional arts and cultural groups; exhibits; affordable studio, performance and meeting space for artists; classes for children and adults; a quarterly newsletter; arts advocacy and awareness initiatives; and others that are essential to artistic development in Howard County. HCAC also manages a 27,000 sq. ft. multi-disciplinary art center that provides opportunities in the arts for people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities. The center features two professional galleries, a 100-seat black box performance space, meeting and class rooms, a dance studio, individual artists' studios, and administrative offices.



Howard County Arts Council receives major grants from Howard County and the Maryland State Arts Council and sustaining annual support of \$5,000 or more from: PNC Foundation, The Columbia Bank, Comcast, The Isadore & Bertha Gudelsky Family Foundation, Howard Bank, Howard County General Hospital, M&T Bank, The Rouse Company Foundation and Wells Fargo.



HOWARD COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL RESIDENT ARTIST SELECTION

The Howard County Arts Council is seeking applications from artists to fill one available resident artist studio space. The available studio is approximately 375 square feet, rents for \$291.25 per month, and has shared access with another artist in an adjoining studio. **The deadline to apply is 11:59 PM, Sunday, August 15, 2021.**

HCAC houses accessible studio space for fourteen resident artists, as well as three resident arts organizations representing a variety of disciplines. Resident artists have 24-hour access, natural light, and easy access to water. Heat & utilities are included.

Residency Objectives

To provide individual artists with a space in which they may pursue the production, presentation, or teaching of fine arts. The fine arts include traditional and emerging art forms within, but not limited to, the visual arts, performing arts, and literary arts.

To support a diverse community of artists working in a variety of fine arts media and disciplines.

To provide the public with opportunities to meet working artists.

Benefits

General benefits include: semi-private studio (shared entry access), 24-hour access to designated studio, physical mailing address and mailbox at HCCA, affordable monthly rental rate, and location in a vibrant community arts center.

Residents also receive a reduced rate and priority consideration for renting other spaces in the Center including the dance studio, black box theatre, conference room, and classrooms.

Eligibility

Practicing artists who demonstrate a central commitment to the production or performance of fine arts. In some studios, practicing artists may also teach in their studio space.

HCAC Board of Directors, full-time staff, HCAC Center Committee, and their immediate family are ineligible to apply.

Application

To apply for consideration as a Resident Artist visit hocoarts.org/resident-studios.

Applications must include the following attachments:

- **Letter of Intent**
In one page or less, provide a brief description of your work or project to be completed while in residence, your career direction, and why you should be awarded a residency at HCCA.
- **Up-to-date Resume**
Three pages or less that lists education, background, exhibitions, awards, and/or publications.
- **Artist Statement**
In one page or less, concisely describe your creative work, process, technique, and conceptual development.
- **Three Letters of Recommendation**
Include references with the ability to speak to your character, responsibility, and contribution

to community.

- **Up to 20 Images Created within the Last Two Years that represent your work:**
 - Include at least one video recording if applying for performance art or video work.
 - Videos must not exceed five minutes in duration.
- **Image List**

If available, include examples of printed materials such as articles, brochures, programs, and reviews.

Requirements

Artists granted studio space will be considered Resident Artists of the Howard County Center for the Arts.

To hold a studio space at the Center, residents must, at a minimum, submit to the following:

- Resident visual artists are required to participate in the Residents' Exhibit at the HCCA, displaying recent work (created within two years prior to the exhibit), not previously shown in the gallery, for a six-week show.
- Resident artists and arts organizations are required to be in attendance for up to four Council-scheduled, Open Studio special events per year when they must be present and open their studios for public viewing.
- Residents must use their studios a minimum of eight hours per week (annual average). Those eight hours must be used for the production, presentation or teaching of their art and not for other unrelated employment or activities.
- Residents must pay the studio rent within five working days of the first of each month.
- Residents must maintain a \$2,000,000 general liability insurance policy for their studio as well as coverage for the contents of their studio.
- Residents must maintain a safe working environment in their studios and submit appropriate MSDS forms for hazardous materials in their studios. Furthermore, they are expected to practice a "good neighbor" policy, using the least harmful materials possible and keeping in mind not only their own health and safety, but also that of the Center community. Residents may be required to install proper ventilation units or other safety features for the use of some mediums.
- Residents offering classes, exhibits, or other public programs must be fully accessible.
- Residents must maintain annual membership with HCAC.
- Any changes to the studio must be approved by the HCAC Center Committee and residents must return the studio to its original condition when vacating.

Selection

Applicants will be evaluated based on their artistic discipline, artistic merit and commitment, as well as the appropriateness of their activities for the available space. In cases where all other elements of candidates' qualifications are deemed of equal value, Howard County artists will be given priority.

Interested artists should submit a Studio Application to HCAC. When a studio is available, the HCAC Center Committee reviews all submissions and selects an artist or organization based on the above criteria. If no studios are available, applicants will be placed on a waiting list for future consideration.

Access

The following are policies regarding building access:

- Individual residents will receive one key for the building's side door, and one key for their studio.

- 24-hour access is allowed for the resident only; guests, students and members of the public are not permitted outside of building hours unless a request has been made for HCAC to secure a building attendant.
- No pets are allowed on the premises.

Lease

Residency status will be granted for a one-year term. At the end of the term, the artist will be evaluated and may reapply to extend their residency through two-year renewable terms or until the termination of the HCCA's Master Lease, whichever expires first.

Residents are reviewed for compliance with the terms of their lease before each lease renewal. Those residents who have met the requirements will have their lease renewed for two years. Residents who do not meet the required terms will be placed on probation and given a minimum three-month to a maximum of one-year conditional lease. If requirements are met, conditional leases will be extended with Center Committee approval. If the conditional leaseholders are not approved, they will be given one month to vacate the premises.

Agreement

This request is intended to give a broad outline of the residency. Final details will be negotiated after an artist is selected.

Selection decisions are final. HCAC reserves the right to extend the search at its sole discretion.

Application

Complete applications will be forwarded to the selection panel for consideration. Please do not staple hard-copy materials or put them in binders or plastic sheets. Handwritten statements will not be accepted.

All application materials may be submitted online, emailed, mailed or hand-delivered to Howard County Arts Council by 11:59PM, August 15, 2021. Faxed or late applications will not be accepted.

Apply online at:
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