



Grants for Artists Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

The questions below have been gathered from conversations with applicants to the Grants for Artists program. This compilation is intended to help Maryland artists understand the requirements and expectations of the Grants for Artists application process.

For all other GFA questions, please contact Senior Program Director, Jess Porter at jess.porter@maryland.gov or (667) 355-7983

What kinds of contract work can I have and still be able to apply?

Artists with temporary, limited-term contracts (e.g., performing artists being paid by an organization to perform in a single play, or muralists contracted with a city to create a single work, etc.) are eligible to apply.

What kinds of contract work disqualify me from applying?

Funds cannot support artistic activities taking place as part of a full-time (e.g., 40-hours-per-week) renewable contract.

I have a full-time day job. Can I apply?

Artists creating work independently of the organizations where they are employed full-time may apply for support, but funds may not be used to pay for work completed as a full-time employee of an organization.

How can I apply through my Limited Liability Corporation (LLC)?

MSAC does not currently support LLCs or other for-profit entities with grant funds. For a listing of State of Maryland programs supporting businesses, visit [this link](#) and click the label titled “For Businesses.”

How can I apply as a sole proprietor?

Sole proprietors are eligible to apply for funds but, like all applicants, must include a Social Security Number and completed W9 as part of application submission.

I take occasional college classes on an auditing or “one-off” basis. Am I eligible?

Applicants are eligible to receive funds as long as they are not enrolled in any degree-granting academic programs at the time of application.

It says you have to be a Maryland resident to apply. What counts as Maryland residency?

To qualify as a Maryland resident, applicants must be owning or renting real property in Maryland at the time an application is submitted.

Can I use my Employer Identification Number (EIN) to apply?

No. Applications require the entry of a Social Security Number.