

# 2023 Empowered Artist Award Guidelines

Dutchess, Orange, & Ulster Counties

**Deadline: August 3, 2023**

## 1.0 - Overview

In honor of the incredible impact Linda Marston-Reid (former executive director of Arts Mid-Hudson) has made on artists in Dutchess, Orange, and Ulster Counties, Arts Mid-Hudson has created an annual fund to provide unrestricted monetary awards to three artists.

One of the most critical needs for artists is access to unrestricted funds so they may continue their practice, elevate their careers, and be more visible within their community. These funds will enable artists to create work, purchase new equipment, access educational opportunities, and pay their bills. Artists play a crucial role in our communities, creating culture, reflecting community values, and inspiring young people to engage in the arts. We envision a program that supports artists and allows them to continue their work across our region.

## 1.1 - Key Information

- This award will provide unrestricted funding to three artists in 2023, one artist per county, in Dutchess, Orange, and Ulster Counties.
- The award amount is \$3,000 for each artist.

## 1.2 - Empowered Artist Award Goals

- Support Dutchess, Orange, and Ulster County artists in their career growth and stability.
- Support underrepresented artists in our region including Black, Latino, Indigenous, Asian, People of Color, LGBTQ+, disabled, and low-income artists. All artists are encouraged to apply.

## 1.3 - Accommodations

If there are any accommodations that Arts Mid-Hudson (AMH) can make to facilitate your participation, please do not hesitate to contact us. AMH **provides extensive free support to applicants** of this program.

## 1.4 - About Arts Mid-Hudson

Arts Mid-Hudson is the preeminent nonprofit arts service organization serving Dutchess, Ulster, and Orange Counties. Our initiatives engage and promote the arts across the Mid-Hudson region, benefiting artists, arts organizations and communities.



Learn more about Arts Mid-Hudson:

<https://www.artsmidhudson.org/>

Contact Us: [Grants@artsmidhudson.org](mailto:Grants@artsmidhudson.org) or (845) 454-3222 ext 11.

## 2.0 - Eligibility

All artists applying must meet the following criteria:

- Must be at least 18 years of age at the time of submission.
- A resident of Dutchess, Orange, or Ulster County in New York State.
- May not be enrolled in a full-time degree program.
- Artists working in all artistic disciplines are eligible including, but not limited to, visual, performing, written, digital, traditional, and experimental mediums.
- Artists can be at any stage of their career.

## 2.1 - Proof of Residency

Applicants must provide proof of residency which contains the individual's name and address. Documentation must be dated no earlier than 2022. Acceptable proof of residency documents must include one of the following: Telephone bill, credit card or bank statement (first page only; social security and financial information should be blocked), current lease or mortgage agreement listing the artist's name and NYS address, utility bill, NY State Driver's License or ID card, or voter registration card.

## 3.0 - Review Procedure

All submissions will be reviewed using a peer panel evaluation process. A panel of artists will review all submissions and select one artist per county to award. Arts Mid-Hudson staff or board members **do not have a vote** in this process.

## 3.1 - Evaluation Criterion

The peer panel will review submissions based on Artistic Merit. Assessments will be made based on the samples of work submitted and the artist statement provided. Each proposal is rated individually before final selections are made by the panel.

## 4.0 - Submitting an Application

All applications must be submitted online by August 3, 2023, at 11:59 PM (EST).

If you require assistance in completing the online submission form, contact us in advance of the deadline.

[Click here to complete the Empowered Artist Award Application](#)

## 4.1 - Artist Statement

Artist Statement (max 400 words): Applicants will be asked to Provide an artist statement related to your practice and the work samples submitted below.

## 4.2- Work Samples

Work samples are required with all submissions. When selecting work samples, we recommend artists submit a cohesive body of work that reflects their range and skill. Artists who are unsure of what to present are encouraged to reach out to the AMH Grants Team for feedback.

- **Work Samples (up to 10 files):** image files, videos, audio files, and literary samples (limit of 20 pages overall). Acceptable file types: .jpg, .mp4, .wav, .mp3, and .pdf. There is no limit on file sizes, but keep file sizes as low as possible without harming quality.

### 4.3 - Required Attachments

- **Artist's CV, Resume or Bio:** limit 2 pages. Artists may provide CV, Resume, Bio or a combination of those documents within 2 pages.
- **Proof of Residency:** Applicants must provide proof of residency which contains the individual's name and address. Documentation must be dated no earlier than 2022. Acceptable proof of residency documents must include one of the following: Telephone bill, credit card or bank statement (first page only; social security and financial information should be blocked), current lease or mortgage agreement listing the artist's name and NYS address, utility bill, NY State Driver's License or ID card, or voter registration card.

### 5.0 - Free Application Assistance

Arts Mid-Hudson provides free in-depth support through information sessions, Q&A sessions, and individual appointments. **Do not hesitate to reach out to us, we are here to help!**

**Virtual Information Session:** July 10, 2023 at 5:00 PM on Zoom.

The session will be on YouTube and the link will be provided here when available.

**Attend a Q&A Session:** Weekly Q&A sessions will be hosted on Zoom at a variety of times. You must RSVP to receive Zoom access information.

#### Q&A Session Schedule

- July 13 at 12:00 PM
- July 19 at 5:00 PM
- July 25 at 11:00 AM
- August 1 at 5:00 PM

[Click here to RSVP for the Info Session and Q&A Sessions](#)

### 5.1 - Make an Appointment with AMH

Applicants are encouraged to make appointments with the AMH Grants team to discuss specific questions, brainstorm ideas, and receive feedback on a draft. Appointments will be conducted by phone or Zoom.

[Click here to make an appointment with Arts Mid-Hudson](#)

General questions contact: [Grants@artsmidhudson.org](mailto:Grants@artsmidhudson.org) or (845) 454-3222 ext 11.