

2023 AMINAH BRENDA LYNN ROBINSON FELLOWSHIP

Purpose

The Aminah Brenda Lynn Robinson Fellowship (Aminah Fellowship) celebrates the legacy of the late Columbus artist by recognizing the exemplary work of a local African American visual artist.

Description

The Greater Columbus Arts Council (Arts Council) in partnership with the Columbus Museum of Art, offers a 90-day artist fellowship and unrestricted \$15,000 award for a professional African American visual artist residing in Franklin County. The fellowship is intended to give the gift of time and monetary support to allow an artist to focus on art making.

The artist will be permitted to use Aminah Robinson's home studio on a daily basis. The artist will be expected to participate in at least three community outreach opportunities (workshops, demonstrations, lectures, etc.) as directed by the Arts Council and Columbus Museum of Art.

Who is eligible to apply?

Applicants to the Aminah Fellowship must:

- Identify as African American
- Be a resident of Franklin County
- Be a professional visual artist (age 18 and older)
 - Definition of professional artist: an individual who devotes a significant portion of their time to the creation of personal artwork. The professional artist likely sells their artwork or shares their independent body of work with the public on a regular basis. Individuals working in a creative industry primarily producing commercial work are not eligible.
 - Visual artist: painter, sculptor, fiber/textiles, mixed media
 - Collaborative applications are NOT accepted. Each artist must apply individually.
- Produce works deeply rooted in storytelling; cultural traditions and heritage; and the centrality of African American women
- Are NOT enrolled as degree-seeking undergraduate students

NOTE: Award recipients must remain residents of Franklin County for the entire fellowship period.

What is the application fee?

There is no application fee for the Aminah Fellowship.

How often can I apply?

An artist may be selected for the fellowship only once. If an artist applies and is not selected, they may apply again in the following year.

Timeline – subject to change

Application Opens	September 1, 2022
Application Due	October 3, 2022 at 5:00pm
Applicants Notified	December 1, 2022
Fellowship Begins	January 3, 2023
Fellowship Ends	April 3, 2023
Final Report Due	May 3, 2023

What are the application questions?

- Why are you interested in the Aminah Brenda Lynn Robinson Fellowship?
- Why should you be selected for this fellowship? How does your work, philosophy or technique align with Aminah Brenda Lynn Robinson's principles or style?
- What would you hope to discover, share or produce during the fellowship?

What are the required Supplemental Materials (uploads)?

All support materials must be uploaded digitally to the GoArts system.

- Artistic bio or resume (PDF only)
- 3-5 work samples
- Link to website, if available

AFTER SUBMITTING – NEXT STEPS

Review, evaluation and selection

Aminah Fellowship applications are reviewed by a five-person selection jury that will include representatives from the Shepard or Poindexter neighborhoods where Aminah lived, the Columbus Museum of Art, the Arts Council, and renowned Ohio artists, curators, and/or arts educators familiar with Aminah’s work and history.

The selection jury will review the applicant’s artistic excellence and technical proficiency, innovative use of media, and use of storytelling and connection to cultural traditions and heritage.

Notification

Following a consensus selection from the fellowship selection jury, applicants will be notified by email of the determination.

AFTER YOU ARE AWARDED

Grant Agreement

Following the selection and notification as the recipient of the Aminah Fellowship, a grant agreement specifying the terms of the fellowship will be available in GoArts under the “Requires Attention” heading. To accept the award, review the grant agreement and digitally sign by the date indicated. No changes in the terms or fellowship timeline will be granted without prior written approval from the Arts Council.

Fellowship Expectations

Recipient of the Aminah Brenda Lynn Robinson Fellowship should be actively creating artwork during their 90 days and is required to participate in a minimum of three community outreach opportunities with groups identified by the Columbus Museum of Art and the Arts Council. The fellowship participant will have daily access to Aminah’s home studio and will agree to terms, assuring the respectful use of the space. The artist is permitted to use the space for personal art making only.

Publicity/Donor Acknowledgement

Once you are awarded, say “Thanks!” in a public way. The Arts Council requires that all artists receiving funding demonstrate the public value of the arts by making others aware of awards received and acknowledging public funders. Refer to the Fellowships: Publicity/Donor Acknowledgement pages at the end of this document for details of the contractual publicity requirements.

Payment

Recipient of the Aminah Brenda Lynn Robinson Fellowship will receive 100% of their grant following the receipt of a digitally signed grant agreement.

Final Report

Final Reports are used to collect feedback on your experience and are due 30 days after the completion of the fellowship term. To complete this Final Report, login to your GoArts account, scroll down to “Requires Attention” and click on the “Reports” tab.

FELLOWSHIPS: PUBLICITY/DONOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Arts Council requires that all artists receiving funding demonstrate the public value of the arts by acknowledging support from the Greater Columbus Arts Council. Failure to credit the Arts Council for awards may jeopardize future funding.

General Guidelines

Fellowship Recipients should use the public channels available to them, such as social media, newsletters and press releases to recognize support from the Arts Council and CMA. Additionally, fellowship recipients should credit the Arts Council and CMA for all events associated with the fellowship activities utilizing website pages, social media posts and events, print materials, artist talks, e-newsletters and on-site signage.

Do NOT use the acronym GCAC
Please refer to us as the Greater Columbus Arts Council

Social Media

#artmakescbus
#gcacgrants
#mycma

All awardees should acknowledge their award via social media channels at the time of award notification. Like and tag the Greater Columbus Arts Council and Columbus Makes Art pages on Facebook, use @GCAC_Cbus on Twitter and/or include hashtags #gcacgrants and #artmakescbus on Instagram. Like and tag Columbus Museum of Art on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter using @columbusmuseum and hashtag #mycma. Facebook events should also contain recognition.

Visual Acknowledgement

On signage, please use our complete logo wherever possible. The logo includes the graphic representation of GCAC **AND** the words “Greater Columbus Arts Council.” Both elements are required anywhere the logo is included. At minimum, include a text reference to “Greater Columbus Arts Council” on signage. Please include the CMA logo whenever possible.

- Download logos online at <https://www.gcac.org/about/gcac-logos/>.
- Include the Arts Council logo and link to the Arts Council website (www.gcac.org) on your website or event page.
- Include CMA logo and link to Museum website (www.columbusmuseum.org) on your website or event page.
- To request a copy of the Columbus Museum of Art logo, please email amber.wacker@cmaohio.org.

Thank Public Officials

Thanking public officials for their support is important for the future vitality of arts and culture in Columbus. Send letters/emails to [city of Columbus officials](#) and [Franklin County Commissioners](#) thanking them for their support of the arts in Columbus, the Greater Columbus Arts Council and for the award you received. Consider including a story about the impact of this support on you and/or the community. Include copies of these letters/emails with your final report.

Mail for the Mayor and Columbus City Council members can be sent to: City Hall, 90 W. Broad St, Columbus OH 43215.

- Mayor Andrew J. Ginther
- Councilmember Shannon G. Hardin, President
- Councilmember Elizabeth Brown, President Pro Tempore
- Councilmember Mitchell J. Brown
- Councilmember Rob Dorans
- Councilmember Shayla Favor
- Councilmember Emmanuel V. Remy
- Councilmember Priscilla R. Tyson

Mail for the Franklin County Commissioners can be sent to: 373 S. High St., 26th Floor, Columbus OH 43215.

- Commissioner Kevin Boyce, President
- Commissioner Erica C. Crawley
- Commissioner John O'Grady

Questions?

If you have questions about any of these requirements, logo usage or have trouble downloading our logo, contact Jami Goldstein, VP of Marketing, Communications and Events (614-221-8492, jgoldstein@gcac.org).