



## 2024 GCAC Navigator Program

### **PROGRAM OVERVIEW - PLEASE READ**

The Greater Columbus Arts Council is thrilled to continue the **GCAC Navigator** program, an initiative launched in 2023 that helps us engage more deeply with our diverse community. In 2024, GCAC will hire 10 additional artists to add to the current cohort as a continuation of the program. The hired artists will represent GCAC at artist and community events, share resources, and guide peer artists through GCAC grant & fellowship applications. The goal of this program is to increase outreach to new artists, especially those from historically marginalized or underrepresented communities through:

- *Awareness* – introduce new artists to GCAC (who we are and what we're here for)
- *Education* – share GCAC resources and opportunities available to artists
- *Accessibility* – increase community knowledge of artist drop-in hours, computer lab, translation/interpretation services, workshops, one-on-one coaching
- *Connection* – build trust through meetings, attending events, asking for feedback, listening to artist needs, calling/emailing artists to appreciate their work in the community
- *Growth* – increase number of artists who attend workshops, apply for grants and fellowships, or connect with GCAC
- *Response* – based on Navigator and community artist feedback, help staff adapt guidelines, grant programs, workshop offerings, accessibility plans, and inclusion efforts

### **What are the benefits of being a GCAC Navigator?**

- \$4,000 total cash stipend (paid quarterly)
- \$1,500 stipend to produce or host artistic events related to your own work (may combine with other Navigators for a larger event budget!).
- Free tickets to arts events and experiences, including the Columbus Arts Festival Patron Party
- Professional photograph (new Navigators only)
- Networking with other Navigators
- Access to GCAC staff members in their areas of expertise
- Recognition in GCAC Annual Report
- Current Navigator T-shirt designed by a local artist

### **What are the expectations for a GCAC Navigator?**

- Be willing to participate the full length of the program: late January - early December 2024
- Share grant opportunities, guidelines, workshops, and other resources to immediate community
  - GCAC provides email addresses, nametags, flyers, one-sheets, handouts, QR codes, etc.
  - Track artists spoken to as part of Navigator role throughout the year

- Attend the following **mandatory** events/sessions:
  - Attend one or more GCAC Happy Hour or roundtable events during the year
  - Sign-up to represent GCAC for at least one session of “virtual drop-in hours”
  - **January 19-29** (at home): Watch *Support for Professional Artists Workshop Video*
  - **January 30, 10:00am-3:30pm**: Initial welcome and training (lunch included)
  - **March 13, 3:00-5:00pm**: Brainstorm/feedback session
  - **June 7-9**: Work a shift at the Columbus Arts Festival (2-4 hours)
  - **August 8, 11:00-1:00pm**: Brainstorm/feedback session (lunch included)
  - **Nov TBD**: Attend GCAC's *Big Arts Night*
  - **December 5, 3:30-7:00pm**: Program wrap-up, debrief, and happy hour

### **Who would make a great GCAC Navigator?**

- Actively working as an artist (including dance, fashion, film, literary, music, theatre, visual arts, multi-disciplinary) OR someone deeply connected to the artistic community, who has regular, on-going contact with artists
- Personally identifies as a member of a historically marginalized or underrepresented community. Including, but not limited to:
  - Members of BIPOC communities, members of the LGBTQIA+ communities, immigrants & refugees, veterans/active military, members of disability communities, justice system impacted individuals, and residents of underrepresented neighborhoods
- Has a deep network and loves to engage with their community in-person and/or online
- Comfortable with coaching, sharing resources, and attending public events
- Able to attend 9 mandatory events and put in approx. 80 hours of work over an 11-month period
- Familiarity with GCAC or a GCAC past grantee a plus, but not mandatory!

### **Application Timeline & Instructions**

11/22 – Applications OPEN

12/11 at 5:00pm – Applications **DUE**

12/18 – Applicants notified of decisions

- Go to the GCAC Application Portal (<https://gcac.smartsimple.com/>) and login with your regular grant application account.
  - If you are new to GCAC, please complete the registration process.
- Once logged in, make sure your Personal Profile in the application is completely filled out.
  - To update, click on the black circle with your first initial in the upper right hand corner.
- Click on Click on Grant & Fellowship Opportunities to find the GCAC Navigator Program application.
- Fill out the information and hit submit!