



Philadelphia Fellowship for Black Artists

[Application opens:](#) February 12th, 2024 [Application deadline:](#) March 17, 2024 11:59 p.m.

For questions or concerns, please contact Ginger Rudolph and Noah Smalls at **FBA@muralarts.org**

Applications can be submitted [through this link](#).



Introduction and background

The **Philadelphia Fellowship for Black Artists** was designed in 2020 to **fund, foster,** and **elevate** the important work of emerging Black artists residing within the City of Philadelphia.

The goal of the Fellowship is to build community among Fellows by fostering a spirit of practical, complimentary teamwork. Mural Arts will facilitate the development of skill building by providing equitable exposure to public and private art projects. Furthermore, the Fellowship looks to strengthen their connections not only to each other, but to the greater community, culminating in the presentation of their work/practice to the larger community through a curated group show.

Fellows will receive:

- Networking opportunities convening past and present fellowship cohorts, local artists and art professionals
- Career development workshops
- Exhibition opportunities
- 1:1 consultations with renowned curators
- Opportunities to create new work

This year, the 2024 Fellowship will support **15 artists** of any medium with **\$2,000** in unrestricted funding to support their art practice.

Eligibility

- Visual artists of all mediums are encouraged to apply
- The Fellowship is open to African-American or Black identifying artists residing in Philadelphia who have not worked for Mural Arts Philadelphia in a Lead Artist capacity within a year of their application date, this does not include paint days or event projects.
- Artists must live or work in the greater Philadelphia area
- Artists must identify as Black, African American, or be identified as part of the African Diaspora
- Artists must have a current artistic practice, as evidenced by the materials submitted

Please send any questions to: **FBA@muralarts.org**



The Philadelphia Fellowship for Black Artists is presented by TD Bank.

How to Apply

Interested applicants must provide the following information:

1. Full Name
2. Email
3. Phone number
4. Zip code
5. Description of intent
6. Primary artistic medium
7. A short paragraph us know how being selected for this fellowship would support your personal and professional development
8. Working link to Online Portfolio, YouTube Channel, Instagram, etc
9. **Two to four (2-4) images** of your work.
 - a. *Format all materials as separate JPEG files*

Application instructions

The 2023 application is open from 9:00am on 2/12/24 to 9:00am on 3/6/23.
Selected candidates will be notified by Apr 14, 2023.

Artists interested in applying for this opportunity should collect the required materials above and submit your application [using this link](#).

About Mural Arts:

Mural Arts Philadelphia is the nation's largest public art program, dedicated to the belief that art ignites change.

For 30 years, Mural Arts has united artists and communities through a collaborative process, rooted in the traditions of mural-making, to create art that transforms public spaces and individual lives. Mural Arts engages communities in nearly 100 public art projects each year, and maintains its growing collection through a restoration initiative. Core Mural Arts programs such as Art Education, Restorative Justice, and Porch Light yield unique, project-based learning opportunities for thousands of youth and adults.



In recent years, Mural Arts has evolved into a multi-disciplinary arts organization exploring the intersection of muralism, public art and contemporary art. In addition, Mural Arts has collaborated with an increasing range of community, civic, cultural and development organizations to realize projects that have expanded the city's public art portfolio in new and exciting ways. Increasingly, Mural Arts has assisted in private organizations in commissioning artworks that engage the communities where they are working.

For more information: <https://www.muralarts.org/>