



South Arts State Fellowship and Southern Prize Program

Frequently Asked Questions (updated November 9, 2017)

What is the selection criterion?

The panels will make their selections based on demonstration of artistic excellence.

Can students apply?

The applicant must be at least 18 years of age and cannot be a full-time high school or undergraduate student.

Why is this only for visual artists?

We intend to have the Southern Prize serve other art forms in the future. Since South Arts has programs benefiting other art forms such as music and dance, we decided to begin the program in 2016 with visual artists.

Who will select the winners?

A panel of five jurors from inside and outside of the Southern region will select the nine State Fellowship recipients. A separate panel of three jurors from inside and outside of the South Arts region will select the Southern Prize Winner and Finalist. The names of the jurors will be announced on South Arts' Facebook feed and website before the panels meet.

Will the jurors know the identity of the artists they are reviewing?

The panelist review will be anonymous. To avoid possible bias, all artwork samples must be submitted without the artist's name.

I am going to be moving to a state in your region soon. Can I apply?

No. The applicant must have been a legal resident within the nine states served by South Arts for a period of at least two years immediately before the application deadline.

I split my time between [state in our region] and [state outside of our region]. Am I eligible?

South Arts requires that the applicant, upon request, submit a copy of their official state I.D. card such as a driver's license. If that ID lists their residence as one of our nine states, the applicant is eligible.

Why do I need to submit a resume or CV if the jurors won't review it?

South Arts anticipates a quick turnaround time between the jurors' selection, and having the winners' background information on hand will allow us to publicize the winners more quickly.

How long can my resumé be?

The resumé can be as brief as one page and up to five pages.



When does the work I am submitting need to have been created?

Submitted artwork must have been completed between 2015 and the date of your submission.

If your work is extremely time-intensive to create, you may include older pieces, but at least some of the work submitted must date between 2015 and the date of your submission. Please mention the time-intensive nature of the work in the Description field of the media submissions.

Who/what is South Arts?

South Arts, one of the country's six Regional Arts Organizations, was founded in 1975 to build on the South's unique heritage and enhance the public value of the arts. South Arts' work responds to the arts environment and cultural trends with a regional perspective. We offer a portfolio of activities designed to address the issues important to our region and to link the South with the nation and the world through the arts. We are building a better South through the arts.

We work in partnership with the state arts agencies of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee. South Arts is supported by the National Endowment for the Arts, member states, foundations, businesses, and individuals.

South Arts is committed to impacting the careers of artists in our region, including showcasing these artists' works throughout the South Arts region, nationally and internationally, and working to make the South a viable and rewarding place for artists to live and work.

Why isn't my state included?

South Arts is a [Regional Arts Organization](#) serving the following nine states: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee. While we'd love to serve everyone everywhere, our sister Regional Arts Organizations (Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation, Mid America Arts Alliance, etc) have excellent programs supporting the arts within their regions. Many [State Arts Agencies](#) also offer statewide fellowships and awards, and we encourage you to check out their programs.

What is The Hambidge Center's connection to these prizes?

The Hambidge Center will be overseeing the application process and serving as the point of contact for applicants. The Southern Prize winner will also receive a two-week residency at The Hambidge Center for the Creative Arts and Sciences.

What are the prizes?

South Arts State Fellowships; \$5,000

The South Arts State Fellowship is a state-specific prize awarded to the artists whose work reflects the best of the visual arts in the South. A review panel will select one winner per eligible state, with artistic excellence being the sole criterion. A total of nine fellowships will be awarded. Each will be awarded a



\$5,000 South Arts State Fellowship, and will compete for one of the two South Arts Prizes. State Fellowship recipients will be required to attend an awards ceremony.

South Arts Southern Prize; \$25,000 and \$10,000

The nine State Fellowship recipients will compete for the South Arts Southern Prize. The \$25,000 Southern Prize will be awarded to the artist whose work exhibits the highest artistic excellence, and one finalist will be awarded a \$10,000 Prize, also based on artistic excellence. The Southern Prize winner will also receive a two-week residency at The Hambidge Center for the Creative Arts and Sciences. A national panel will convene to evaluate the body of work represented by the nine State Fellowship recipients and select the Prize winner and Finalist. Winners of the South Arts Prize will be announced at the awards ceremony.

Will the winners have their work shown in an exhibit?

An exhibition of works by the State Fellowship winners may be organized during the award period.

Will the winners have their work shown in a catalogue?

A catalogue is not planned at this time.

Is film/video/media art included in visual arts?

Film/video/media art is not eligible for this year's Fellowships and Prize. However, if your experimental or mixed media work includes video/film and/or sound, you may apply. Additionally, if your work includes video or sound, you may include video or sound files within your total of 10 items.

Are architecture, design or graphic arts included in visual arts?

No.

My work incorporates several media into each piece. Is it eligible?

Mixed media is eligible including work that incorporates video/film and/or sound.

I work in several different media. Is my work eligible?

Yes; please select "multidisciplinary" when completing your application.

I use a craft medium, but I make conceptual work. What category should I apply in?

If an artist uses a craft medium to make contemporary, conceptual artwork (rather than following traditional methods and pattern), then their work doesn't belong in the Craft category, and they should enter in the category that best fits the form of their work.

Fee Waiver Requests

If the \$25 application fee creates a barrier for your participation, you may request a fee waiver. You must make your request by emailing us at SouthernPrize@southarts.org no later than December 13, 2017.

If I am a winner, what do I receive? What am I obligated to do?

Winners of the South Arts State Fellowships are required to attend the South Arts State Fellowship & Prize awards ceremony, which will take place on April 16, 2018 in New Orleans, Louisiana, to receive



their cash prizes. Winners' travel and accommodations for the awards ceremony will be paid for. One round-trip flight (or rental car coverage) and one hotel room will be provided, booked by South Arts. This offer does not extend to any of the winners' guests.

It is possible that the winners of the State Fellowships (and, therefore, the South Arts Southern Prize winner and finalist) will be invited to exhibit their work all together in a venue or venues of South Arts' choosing. Should this occur, winners will receive more information about possible venues and dates, and will be solicited for a small selection of their work. The South Arts Southern Prize winner and finalist should expect to display more work if an exhibit is arranged.

If I am a winner, what can I spend the money on?

There is no requirement for how Fellowship and Prize winners use their awards. South Arts hopes the money would go towards pursuit of artistic achievement, but winners are not required to submit their use of the funds for approval. The funds are expected to be used between April 17, 2018 and June 30, 2019. State Fellowship and South Arts Southern Prize winners should note that the award money constitutes taxable income, and should file accordingly. Fellowship and Prize winners should expect to write a one-page final report and submit images (if appropriate) on how they used the fellowship winnings.

Do photographs taken before 2015, but edited afterward, count as current work?

If it is a straight photographic imagery taken before 2015, then it does not qualify as current work. If, between 2015- 2017, you have significantly digitally (or physically) altered those photos into another artwork (digital collage, for example), it would count as current work.

What should my ten images include?

The applicant may use the image requirement as they see fit to represent their best work. They may choose to show multiple perspectives of a single piece or a range of different works within one of the discipline, or the multidisciplinary, categories.

Do the artwork images need to have a common theme or be a project, or is it just a cross-section of an artist's work?

The applicant needs to submit the images that, in their opinion, best shows their work - whether it be in a series, or a cross-section of work.

What if I create my work in collaboration with another/multiple artist(s)?

A team of two co-creators is eligible. The team members must share equally, and be the sole participants, in the creation of the work (design and execution), and will share the prize equally if they win. Both must have their primary residence in one of South Arts' member states. One of the artists should be named as the applicant; the nature of the collaboration should be explained in the Description field of at least one of the submitted images; and, if requested by South Arts, copies of both artists' IDs must be submitted. At this time, no teams larger than two are eligible.

What if my question is not addressed here?

Please contact southernprize@southarts.org.