

2025 CHARLOTTE STREET VISUAL AWARDS

DEADLINE: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2024 11:59 PM (Central Time Zone)

The Charlotte Street Visual Artist Awards recognize and significantly support Kansas City-based visual artists of all media who are creating exceptional contemporary work. Providing artists with financial support, critical recognition, and public exposure, these awards reward artistic accomplishments to date and support the continued development of artists' work and careers.

Awarded artists will be those who:

- Generate exceptional new work as visual artists
- Create work that is accomplished, imaginative, and authentic
- Demonstrate sustained commitment to their work artistic practices

Through recognizing and supporting exceptional artists living and working in the Kansas City metro area, Charlotte Street seeks to empower and propel individual artists, enhance the artistic culture of our region, and increase Kansas City's desirability as a place for artists to live and work.

Three recipients of the 2025 Charlotte Street Visual Artist Award Fellow receive:

- An unrestricted cash grant of \$10,000
- Recognition by Charlotte Street at the time of the Award announcement and throughout the year 2025—including announcements to media, online promotion, special event features and more
- Inclusion in the 2025 Charlotte Street Visual Artist Award exhibition at the Spencer Museum of Art, accompanied by a printed brochure with images and commissioned writing about their work

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION:

- Strength of submitted artistic portfolio to date
- Promise and desire for future artistic achievement
- Commitment to and demonstration of innovation and experimentation in terms of form, content, process, and/or presentation
- Potential impact of Award on continued artistic development

ELIGIBILITY:

- Applicants must currently live and have lived in the five-county Greater Kansas City Metro area (Clay, Jackson, Johnson, Platte, Wyandotte) for at least one year prior to application deadline (before November 11, 2024)
- Artists must be at least 21 years of age by application deadline
- Applicants must not be currently enrolled in a degree-seeking program

Note: if the artist has earned a collegiate degree, the completion date must be at least 12 months earlier than the application deadline)

Note: Applicants do not have to attend undergraduate or graduate school to be considered for this award

Note on collaborative groups:

The Visual Artist Awards are intended to recognize and support outstanding visual artists as individuals. Collectives/collaboratives are eligible to apply if:

- ALL members of the collaborative/collective meet the eligibility criteria described above
- The group is well established and creating work in an ongoing, deeply collaborative, committed manner as a collective/collaborative
- The primary work of each individual member of the group is as a member of the collaborative group, rather than as an individual
- Each member of the group is playing an essential role in the creation of the work
- The collective/collaborative is not incorporated as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization

Note: Artists applying as a collaborative group should submit individual resumes as well as a group resume, and should detail the nature of their collaboration in the narrative portion of the application.

Additional eligibility requirements:

- Awarded artists will be expected to be residents of the Kansas City (or one of the eligible five counties) for the Award year. Artists will still be able to, and are encouraged to participate in residencies, travel, etc., during the year
- Awarded artists will be expected to keep Charlotte Street informed of all scheduled exhibitions and public engagements throughout the period of the Award year for promotional support - Awarded artists will be expected to have work available for exhibition in the 2025 Visual Artist Award exhibition, and to work in a collaborative manner with the exhibition curator and other representatives in order to select and prepare work for the exhibition and associated publication (the exhibition is expected to open in the fall of 2025)
- Awarded artists will be expected, as reasonably as possible, to be available for associated Award events, receptions, public programs, etc.

Note: Previous Charlotte Street Visual Artist Award recipients are NOT eligible to apply

Statement on opportunity equity:

Charlotte Street Foundation values an equitable, diverse, and inclusive art community, which we interpret as all artists having fair access to the tools and resources they need to realize their artistic endeavors. We acknowledge structural inequities that have excluded individuals and communities from opportunity based on race, gender, disability, sexual orientation, class, age, and geography, and strive to counter those inequities in our work. We encourage panelists and selection committees to actively consider and seek to recommend a diverse pool of applicants as finalists and recipients of these awards and all Charlotte Street Foundation programs.

SELECTION PROCESS:

The 2025 Charlotte Street Visual Artist Award Fellows will be selected through an open call for applicants followed by a competitive selection process. A selection panel of regional and national visual arts professionals will be solely responsible for selecting the 2025 Award Fellows. Neither staff nor Charlotte Street board members have any input in the final decisions. Jurors featured on the panel will be announced along with award winners when the judgement process is finalized.

THE SELECTION PROCESS WILL BE CONDUCTED AS FOLLOWS:

Application deadline: 11:59pm, MONDAY, November 11, 2024 (Central Time Zone)

NOVEMBER 2024 through JANUARY 2025: Panel review of applications; selection of 10 semi-finalists for studio visits.

JANUARY 15, 2025: Conference call with Panel

FEBRUARY 6-7 2025: In-person visits & final selection by panel will take place over the course of two days.

10 finalists will receive 30 minute in-person studio visits with the selection panel, providing opportunity for artists to share their work and respond to questions from the panel.

Note: if a space to show work is needed, Charlotte Street staff will work with the finalist to identify a space for the presentation. Following studio visits and final panel deliberations, the 2025 Visual Artist Fellows will be notified in a timely manner.

FEBRUARY 10, 2024: Award recipients will be publicly announced

- Deadline for applications is Sunday, November 11, 2024, at 11:59 PM CENTRAL TIME ZONE

ALL APPLICATIONS FOR THIS AWARD MUST BE SUBMITTED THROUGH SUBMITTABLE

No late applications will be considered so please make sure you give yourself enough time to turn in your application before the deadline.

Note: Artists requiring technical assistance may contact Charlotte Street at 816.221.5115 or info@charlottestreet.org. // In-person assistance will be provided upon request.

ABOUT CHARLOTTE STREET

Charlotte Street centers Kansas City's most forward-thinking visual artists, writers, and performers—acting as the primary incubator, provocateur, and connector for the region's contemporary arts community, and its leading advocate on the national stage. Since 1997, Charlotte Street has distributed over \$2 million in awards and grants to artists and their innovative projects, and connected individual artists to each other and to the greater Kansas City community. For more information about Charlotte Street, its awards, programs, and initiatives, visit www.charlottestreet.org.