

The Office of the Lieutenant Governor of Iowa and the Iowa Arts Council, a division of the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs, are pleased to announce an open call for female Iowa artists to submit their artwork for the Iowa Women's Art exhibitions. The Iowa Women's Art exhibition celebrates female Iowa Artists and their contributions to the cultural vitality and quality of life in Iowa. The program includes two exhibits each year that rotate semi-annually. The exhibits will be on display in the formal office of the Lieutenant Governor on the first floor of the Iowa State Capitol, 1007 East Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50319.

Timeline

Submission Deadline

The submission deadline is May 2, 2016 for exhibitions in fiscal year 2017, July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017.

Exhibition Selection Notification

Applicants will be notified of selection decisions within 4 weeks of the application deadline.

Exhibition Dates

Artwork will rotate on a semi-annual basis with the following exhibition dates.

- Fall Exhibit | July – December 2016
- Spring Exhibit | January – June 2017

Eligibility

Applicants must meet all of the following eligibility requirements.

- Current Iowa resident
- Female
- 21 years of age or older
- Not enrolled in a degree granting program

Artwork

This call for submissions is open to female Iowa residents working in 2D or 3D media. Film, video, or installation work will not be accepted. All artwork must be original and completed within the past 5 years. Accepted works must be ready for display including frames, fastening/installation material. Submitted work must be stand alone and must not require set up by the artist. Accepted work must be available for the duration of the exhibition and may not be claimed until the conclusion of the exhibition. Artwork that does not adhere to stated requirements will be rejected. All artwork will be installed by and displayed on easels and pedestals provided by the Iowa Arts Council.

3D Artwork Requirements

Submitted 3D artwork must meet all of the following requirements.

- Maximum Height: 72 inches
- Maximum Width: 48 inches
- Maximum Weight: 100 lbs.

2D Artwork Requirements

Submitted 2D artwork work including framing material must meet all of the following requirements.

- Maximum Height: 70 inches
- Maximum Width: 48 inches
- Maximum Depth: 2 inches
- Maximum Weight: 60 lbs.

Online Application Submission

Applicants must submit applications via the Iowa Arts Council's SlideRoom, an online application portal. Applications will not be accepted in any other format. Only one application may be submitted per individual. Applicants may submit up to 4 pieces of artwork from the same body of work for consideration. Submitted statements and work samples will be used in promotional material upon selection. Applicants can access the current online application requirements at www.iowaartscouncil.slideroom.com. Applicants must create a login to view the full application requirements for the program. Applicants can visit the [SlideRoom Help Desk](#) for technical assistance related to the online submission.

Selection

Artwork will be selected at the discretion of Iowa Arts Council and Office of the Lieutenant Governor. Exhibited artwork must be the same as submitted work samples. Staff reserves the right to curate the final exhibition selection and reject artwork that is misrepresented in work samples.

Artist Stipend

A stipend of \$250 will be provided to selected artists to underwrite the costs of transportation and display of artwork.

Delivery of Work

Selected work may be hand delivered Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM or mailed to the Iowa Arts Council, State Historical Museum, 600 East Locust, Des Moines, IA 50319. The artist shall assume all responsibility for insuring artwork against shipping damage or loss of whatever kind. The artist shall assume responsibility for pick-up of work within 30 days of the conclusion of the exhibition.

Loan Agreement and Waiver of Liability

Selected artists will be required to sign a Loan Agreement & Waiver of Liability prior to installation of artwork.