



2019 Discovered Awards for Emerging Visual and Literary Artists GUIDELINES

Supporting Creativity in Sonoma County

Date open: March 1, 2019. 12am PT

Deadline to apply: April 12, 2019 11:59pm PT

Awards announced: July 2019

Funding period: August-December 2019

Grant Info Session (Optional):

Monday, March 11, 2019, 12-1pm or 5:30-6:30pm

141 Stony Circle, Suite 110, Santa Rosa, CA

Application Workshop (Optional):

Monday, March 25, 2019, 5:30-7pm

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Questions?

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OVERVIEW

Five visual artists and five literary writers will be recognized through a cash award, an exhibition and public readings, and a professionally designed catalogue and anthology combining awardees' visual and literary work.

Recipients will be asked to produce and/or select work in preparation for the Discovered Awards exhibition and public readings, which take place in November-December 2019 at the Museum of Sonoma County in Santa Rosa, CA.

Program Goals and Objectives:

- To recognize excellence in the visual and literary arts
- To foster professionalism and increase exposure for emerging visual and literary artists
- To cultivate public awareness and appreciation of the role of creativity in our community

ELIGIBILITY

If applicants have any questions about regarding eligibility, we encourage contacting Creative Sonoma staff prior to applying for the award program.

Both visual artists and writers must:

- be residents of Sonoma County, age 21 or older.
- not be enrolled as a student (undergraduate or graduate level).
- not have representation through an agent for your current discipline

Visual artists must also:

- not currently have gallery representation (does not include co-op or collective galleries).
- not have had prior museum exhibitions in the past 10 years.

Writers must also:

- not have published a book (including eBooks, translations, books in other languages/countries, self-published works, and chapbooks with a print run of more than 300), and have no book forthcoming before June 30, 2020.

The following are NOT ELIGIBLE to apply:

- Staff of the Economic Development Board, its Board of Directors, or the Creative Sonoma Advisory Board
- Creative Sonoma grantees and contest winners of the following programs:
 - 2016, 2017, 2019 Next Level Grant for Musicians
 - 2017, 2019 Next Level Songwriting Contest
 - 2018 Pop Up Creativity Grant
 - 2019 Arts Education Innovation Grant
 - Previous Discovered Award winners

Additional requirements and considerations:

- Applicants may not submit applications in both the visual arts and writing categories.
- Grant award may not be utilized to support crowdfunding campaigns or other fundraising.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

The Discovered Awards will be selected by two teams of jurors, one for visual arts and one for literary arts. The following criteria will be utilized for both visual artists and writers:

- Artistic excellence (primary objective of this program)
- Ability to meet the Conditions listed below
- Anticipated impact of award on the applicant's professional capacity and growth
- Completeness and clarity of application

AWARD

- \$2,500 cash to support the creation of new work and/or the curation of past work
- Inclusion in the Discovered Awards exhibition and public readings, November–December, 2019 at the Museum of Sonoma County
- Inclusion in the Discovered Awards professionally designed catalogue & anthology

CONDITIONS

Artists and writers selected for this award must be willing and able to comply with the following:

- **Visual Artists:**
 - If chosen as a Semi-Finalist, be available for a studio visit by jurors to be scheduled for a mutually chosen date during May 10 – July 10, 2019.
 - If chosen as an Awardee, work with the curator to create and/or select work for installation in the Museum of Sonoma County Discovered Awards exhibition, as well as for publication in the catalogue and anthology.
 - Provide photographs of your work for marketing of the program and its activities.
- **Writers:**
 - If chosen as an Awardee, work with the lead literary juror to create and/or select work for public readings during the Museum of Sonoma County Discovered Awards exhibition, as well as for publication in the catalogue and anthology.
 - Provide excerpts of your work for marketing of the program and its activities.

HOW TO APPLY

Consider registering for and attending the Grant Info Session (in person or via phone) on **Monday, March 11, 2019** 12-1pm or 5:30-6:30pm, as well as the Application Workshop on **Monday, March 25, 2019** 5:30-7:00pm. Both sessions take place at Creative Sonoma, 141, Stony Circle, #110, Santa Rosa, or call in at 707-565-8996 (no code necessary). RSVP or register via the grant website.

In addition to reviewing these Guidelines, go to www.CreativeSonoma.org/grants/discovered/ to thoroughly review the Application Help Tool (which lists all application questions and includes instructions and tips on how to answer them).

- Either click the SUBMIT button or go to Creative Sonoma's Submittable account (<https://creativesonoma.submittable.com/submit>) to begin, work on, and save an application. You may save a draft of your application, but must officially submit it no later than **Friday, April 12, 2019** at 11:59 pm PST.
- If you do not have access to the internet, please call 707-565-6121.

The online application requires the following uploads:

- Resume or curriculum vitae
- Two (2) professional letters of recommendation
- Current work samples (none older than 2016)

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July 2019	Grant Awards Announced

AWARD NOTICE, PAYMENTS AND FINAL REPORT

Awardees will receive an electronic grant award notification packet which will include a grant agreement (contract) and a Final Report form. The Contract must be completed, signed, and submitted by August 30, 2019 in order to receive payment. These funds are not transferable to other organizations or individuals. The Final Report document will ask Awardee to document the results and outcomes program participation and is required to be submitted no later than January 31, 2020. Future funding from Creative Sonoma will not be provided to any grantee who has not completed a Final Report.

STATEMENT OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

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