

INDIVIDUAL ARTIST AWARDS **DISTINGUISHED ARTIST** APPLICATION/NOMINATION

The Rasmuson Foundation offers one \$25,000 Distinguished Artist Award annually in recognition of an Alaskan artist's creative excellence and superior accomplishments in the arts. The award is a validation of the artist's creative output and contributions to the state of Alaska. It is also an acknowledgement of the artist's potential for subsequent creative work.

This award will provide artists the resources to concentrate and reflect on their work, to immerse themselves in a creative endeavor, and to experiment, explore, and develop their artistry more fully. It is our hope that these investments in individual artists will result in substantial contributions to the culture of Alaska, the vibrancy of our communities, and to art itself.

Mature, established artists are eligible to receive the Distinguished Artist Award. Mature artists are those who have created an extensive independent body of work representing a life-long investigation and maturation of their personal creativity. They demonstrate a high aesthetic level of artistic ability with a strong consistency of expression over at least a fifteen (15) year professional arts career. Artists may work in any artistic discipline.

Artists who receive a Rasmuson Individual Artist Award must wait three (3) years from the award date before applying for another Individual Artist Award.

Previous Individual Artist awards may be reviewed on the Foundation's website, www.rasmuson.org. You may search by year, location, or individual artist discipline.

Please contact the Foundation if you have any questions regarding the application process:
(907) 297-2700; (877) 366-2700 toll-free in Alaska; or email vlord@rasmuson.org.

We also welcome public nominations of artists who meet the Distinguished Artist Award criteria. Nominations or applications from artists can be submitted by completing the application form on Page 3, or by filling out the online form on the Rasmuson website.

POSTMARK DEADLINE

March 1

Late applications will not be considered.

Required Distinguished Artist Application Materials:

- Application coversheet for Distinguished Artists (RF form)*

*This form may be submitted on paper or online by the artist or a nominator.

Who May Apply

Artists may apply for an Individual Artist Award if they meet the following eligibility requirements:

- You must have been a full-time Alaska resident for the past two (2) years at the time of your application and remain one for the duration of the grant period.
- You must be 18 years of age or older.
- You must be an artist who is currently producing work.

Artists are *NOT* eligible to apply if they are:

- A student enrolled in any degree-seeking program at any educational level.
- A current board member, committee member, staff member, or consultant for Rasmuson Foundation, current panelist, or member of their immediate families.
- Individuals whose work or project is primarily of a research, scholarly, or commercial nature.

Criteria

Selection criteria for awards include:

- The quality of artistic work within the context of the individual's experience, training, and career stage.
- The artist's creative accomplishments and the promise of future artistic excellence.
- The impact an award at this time will likely have on the applicant's future artistic and career growth.

Decisions are final and are not subject to appeal. The selection process will take approximately 8 to 12 weeks, and all applicants will be notified of the panel's decisions after the selections have been made.

Award Terms

Rasmuson Individual Artist Award recipients will sign a grant agreement before receipt of award funds. The one-year award period begins June 1 and ends May 31. At the end of the award period, awardees submit a short narrative describing what he/she has accomplished and its importance to his/her ongoing artistic and career development. Such accomplishments do not have to be solely in the form of artistic products, but may also include knowledge acquired, experience gained, personal growth achieved, and/or experiments undertaken that point the artist in new directions, whether successful or not.

Rasmuson Foundation will also hold occasional informal artists' gatherings during the award period where award recipients, both present and past, will meet with each other and invited guests to exchange ideas and practical information, to discuss artistic issues and the progress of current creative activities, as well as other subjects of interest.

Application Mailing and Questions

Mail or hand-deliver your completed application by the stated program deadlines to:

Rasmuson Foundation
301 W Northern Lights Blvd., Suite 400
Anchorage, Alaska 99503

You can apply online at www.rasmuson.org.
Faxed or emailed applications will not be accepted.

**INDIVIDUAL ARTIST AWARDS
 DISTINGUISHED ARTIST APPLICATION COVERSHEET**

Last Name	First Name	Middle
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Mailing Address

City	State	Zip Code
Home Phone	Daytime Phone	
E-mail Address	Web Site Address	
Duration of full-time residency in Alaska _____ years	<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Ms.	

Artistic Discipline (choose one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Choreography | <input type="checkbox"/> Media Arts | <input type="checkbox"/> Literary Arts/Scriptworks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crafts | <input type="checkbox"/> Music Composition | <input type="checkbox"/> Performance Arts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Folk and Traditional Arts | <input type="checkbox"/> Multidiscipline/New Genre | <input type="checkbox"/> Visual Arts |

Please summarize on a separate sheet your accomplishments and why you believe you meet the criteria for this award (300 words max). (If you are nominating an artist, please complete this section.)

By signing this application, I certify that I am a legal resident of the state of Alaska. I meet the eligibility requirements specified in the application guidelines and, to the best of my knowledge, the statements in this application are true.

Artist Signature	Date
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If you are nominating this artist, please provide the following information:

Last Name	First Name
Phone	Email

Mailing Address

City	State	Zip Code
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I have read and thoroughly considered the candidate I am nominating within the criteria upon which the Award is based. I understand as a result of nominating this individual and assuming they meet the criteria upon which the Award is based, that they will be included in the Distinguished Artist Award review and selection process.

Nominator Signature	Date
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