

FY26 Emerging Artist Grant Application Evaluation Rubric

Narrative – 40% of Total Score

Project Description	0-1 points: The applicant has not described the project or what they hope to accomplish.	2-4 points: The applicant has somewhat described the project and what they hope to accomplish.	5-7 points: The applicant has described the project and what they hope to accomplish.	8-10 points: The applicant has thoroughly described the project and what they hope to accomplish.
Purpose and Goals	0-1 points: The project either has no purpose or it is not aligned with achievable goals.	2-4 points: The project has a limited purpose with some aligned and achievable goals.	5-7 points: The project has a clear purpose with aligned and achievable goals.	8-10 points: The project has a strong purpose with well-aligned and highly achievable goals.
Grant Benefit and Development	0-1 points: The applicant has not shown how the project will be beneficial to the development of their artistic career.	2-4 points: The applicant has somewhat shown how the project will be beneficial to the development of their artistic career.	5-7 points: The applicant has shown how the project will be beneficial to the development of their artistic career.	8-10 points: The applicant has clearly shown how the project will be beneficial to the development of their artistic career.
Benefit of Mentorship	0-1 points: The applicant has not connected the mentorship opportunity to the accomplishment of their artistic career goals or their support as an emerging artist.	2-4 points: The applicant has somewhat connected the mentorship opportunity to the accomplishment of their artistic career goals and support as an emerging artist.	5-7 points: The applicant has connected the mentorship opportunity to the accomplishment of their artistic career goals and support as an emerging artist.	8-10 points: The applicant has strongly connected the mentorship opportunity to the accomplishment of their artistic career goals and support as an emerging artist.

Work Samples – 20% of Total Score

Quality	0-1 points: Work samples are of poor quality.	2-4 points: Work samples are of fair quality.	5-7 points: Work samples are of good quality.	8-10 points: Work samples are of excellent quality.
Representation	0-1 points: Work samples are not representative of the artistic discipline proposed in the project.	2-4 points: Work samples are somewhat representative of the artistic discipline proposed in the project.	5-7 points: Work samples are representative of the artistic discipline proposed in the project.	8-10 points: Work samples are highly representative of the artistic discipline proposed in the project.

Letter of Recommendation – 10% of Total Score

Potential	0-1 points: The letter of recommendation is not dated within the last two years and/or does not address the applicant's artistic potential.	2-4 points: The letter of recommendation is dated within the last two years and somewhat addresses the applicant's artistic potential.	5-7 points: The letter of recommendation is dated within the last two years and addresses the applicant's artistic potential.	8-10 points: The letter of recommendation is dated within the last two years and directly addresses the applicant's strong artistic potential.
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Resume – 10% of Total Score

Professional Development	0-1 points: The resume does not show the artists' professional development, sources of training, or experience in their artistic discipline.	2-4 points: The resume somewhat shows the artists' professional development, sources of training, and experience in their artistic discipline.	5-7 points: The resume shows the artists' professional development, sources of training, and experience in their artistic discipline.	8-10 points: The resume extensively shows the artists' professional development, sources of training, and experience in their artistic discipline.
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Budget – 20% of Total Score

Financial Resources	0-1 points: Budget does not show evidence that there are financial resources to complete the proposed project.	2-4 points: Budget shows evidence that there are some financial resources to complete the proposed project.	5-7 points: Budget shows evidence that there are adequate financial resources to complete the proposed project.	8-10 points: Budget shows evidence that there are substantial financial resources to complete the proposed project.
Budget Details	0-1 points: Budget does not contain realistic details on how the funds will be used.	2-4 points: Budget contains some realistic details on how the funds will be used.	5-7 points: Budget contains realistic and specific details on how the funds will be used.	8-10 points: Budget contains extremely realistic and very specific details on how the funds will be used.