



Culture Works Funding Programs

Overview of Panelist Responsibilities for 2021

Culture Works invites members of the community to serve on the panels and selection committee that select recipients for funding through our grant and scholarship programs. This document provides an overview of panelist responsibilities for each program.

Community members who are interested in panel service should submit a [Grant Panelist Self-Nomination Form](#) and resumé to Culture Works' Grants Manager, Karen Maner, at kmaner@cultureworks.org. If you would like to nominate someone you know to serve on a panel, please complete and return this [Grant Panelist Nomination Form](#).

Artist Opportunity Grants:

The Artist Opportunity Grant program provides funding for individual artists living in Montgomery County, Ohio, to further their careers through professional development opportunities and through opportunities associated with the creation of new works. Individual grants range from \$500-3,000. This program is a partnership between the Montgomery County Arts and Cultural District (MCACD), which provides the funding for the grants, and Culture Works, which serves as the program administrator.

Artist Opportunity Grant panelists must:

- Attend a one-hour panelist orientation.
- Read all applications and complete initial scoring online. The number of applications varies year to year, but in the last two cycles, panelists have reviewed around 30 applications.
- Participate in a public panel meeting in mid-late November (date TBD). At this meeting, panelists discuss each application and make their funding recommendations. Applicants and the general public are invited to attend to listen to discussions.
- Serve as the Primary Reviewer (discussion leader) for several applications.

Term of service: Panelists are selected for a one-year term but may serve for up to three years by invitation.

Estimated time commitment: 40 hours

Community Arts Grants:

Community Arts Grants provide general operating support to organizations that enrich and inspire the Dayton Region through world-class performances, exhibitions, and acclaimed educational programs for all ages. The funding for these grants comes from our annual Campaign for the Arts—a community-wide fundraising effort that draws support from thousands of individuals, local companies, and foundations.

Due to COVID-19, the Community Arts Grant panel process has been modified significantly for 2021. Temporary changes include the elimination of scoring (panelists will provide written feedback only), a shift to a closed panel process (panelists typically discuss applications at a public meeting), and the cancellation of site visits. Individuals interested in joining the Community Arts Grant panel should keep in mind that we anticipate returning to our standard process in 2022.

In 2021, Community Arts Grant panelists must:

- Attend a one-hour panelist orientation (virtual).
- Read and provide written feedback on up to 10 applications between mid-April and the end of May. All grant applications will be accessed online.
- Participate in a half-day closed panel meeting at the end of May (virtual, date TBD).

Term of service: Panelists are selected for a one-year term but may serve for up to two years by invitation.

Estimated time commitment: 25 hours in 2021 (40 hours in standard years)

Leonard P. Roberts Memorial Scholarship:

In recognition of Mr. Roberts' career as a businessman and his passion for the arts, Culture Works offers scholarships to local students who demonstrate outstanding participation in and patronage of the arts. Candidates must be graduating high school seniors living in the Dayton Region (Butler, Clark, Darke, Greene, Miami, Montgomery, Preble, or Warren County) or college students at any level who live in and attend college in the Dayton Region. Scholarships are awarded in the amount of \$1,000–\$4,000. The total amount available to award each year is around \$20,000.

Scholarship Selection Committee members must:

- Read and score 20 scholarship applications within a three-week period using an established rubric (typically in April). All scoring is done online.
- Attend the Scholarship Selection Committee Meeting to discuss applications with other committee members and make award decisions. This meeting typically occurs the first Thursday in May from 4–6pm (virtual for 2021).

Term of service: Committee members are selected for a one-year term but may serve for up to three years by invitation.

Estimated time commitment: 15 hours

Special Projects Grants:

The Special Projects Grant program provides funding for Montgomery County organizations to create arts and cultural projects that engage the community. Small to mid-sized arts and cultural organizations, other nonprofits, schools, colleges and universities, municipalities and government agencies located in Montgomery County can apply for up to \$10,000 to support projects—such as festivals, exhibitions, performances, artists’ series, and in-school arts programming. This program is made possible by funding from the Montgomery County Arts and Cultural District (MCACD) and is administered by Culture Works.

Special Projects Grant Panelists must:

- Attend a one-hour panelist orientation (virtual).
- Review and score applications using an established scoring rubric between mid-May and late June. All scoring is completed online. In 2021, we estimate there will be up to 30 applications to review.
- Discuss applications during a public panel meeting on June 24 (tentative). At this meeting, panelists discuss each application and make funding recommendations. Applicants and the general public are invited to attend to listen to discussions. We anticipate holding the meeting virtually this year in light of COVID-19.

Term of service: Panelists are selected for a one-year term but may serve for up to three years by invitation.

Estimated time commitment: 40 hours