



ABARAKA AWARD
Application Instructions
CURATORIAL/EXHIBITION ASSISTANCE GRANT APPLICATION

Setting up an art exhibition can be a creative and rewarding endeavor. However, there are many factors that go into setting up a successful exhibition, such as conceptualizing a theme, installing to enhance the artwork, arranging travel insurance, paying stipends for artists and catalogue writers, and marketing the event.

SAEAS Abaraka Award provides early- to mid-career visual artists nationally with cash funding to help defray the costs of mounting an exhibition.

Who is Eligible for the Curatorial/Exhibition Assistance Grant

- African American woman
- United States citizen
- A working artist/arts professional with at least five years of experience
- Curated at least 3 exhibitions in museums, art galleries, or cultural arts centers

How to Apply for the Curatorial/Exhibition Assistance Grant

1. Provide a Written Description of the proposed visual art exhibit, to include:
 - Concept Details/Curatorial Statement;
 - Explanation of how this project relates to your previous areas of creative endeavors or artistic inclinations/inspirations;
 - Budget List of assistance needed;
 - OPTIONAL: Detailed explanation of how young female artists will be included in the curatorial project (5% additional weighting will be given to projects that incorporate high school and college-bound African American young women in the completion of the project);
 - Project timeline; and Quarterly progress report deadlines (to include disbursement schedule and specify at least one (1) mid-project written and visual report).
2. Provide online access to high-resolution jpeg images (minimum 500 K) of 5 pieces from each of at least 2 exhibitions curated and mounted publicly in the last 5 years. The majority of pieces in each exhibition should not be owned by the applicant. A total of 10 images should be made accessible (via Dropbox or other file sharing portal). Extra points given for an exhibition catalogue of at least 10 pages, and that includes a curatorial statement.
3. Submit CV of your art-related training, exhibitions, and publications.
4. Submit Resume of work experience.
5. Provide 3 References from arts-related professionals, include title, organization, email, phone number, and how you know the art professional.
6. Submit complete application to saeas.tx@gmail.com. In the Subject Line, please write "SAEAS Abaraka Award Application - Curatorial (INSERT YOUR NAME)."

NOTE: The work in progress must be documented in still image, video, or both forms. An image by the grant recipient may be used in print and electronic marketing materials for the Abaraka Awards (excluding any items that may be sold or exchanged for remuneration by SAEAS) to promote or advertise the grants in subsequent years, and included in grant reports or other grant-focused purposes. Thumbnail or low-resolution versions of an image may be used in online formats.

Key Dates:

- Application Deadline: September 30
- Announcement of Grant Recipient: October 31
- Signed Image Release for Art and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU): TBD - Prior to first disbursement
- Quarterly Progress Reports: Dates TBD
- Mid-Project Written and Visual Report: Date TBD
- Submit Final Project Report & Impact Statement Video (Artist compliance Review): TBD - 12 Months from signing of MOU