

Connecticut Arts Foundation: Application Rules

Grant Overview

- **Discipline:** Painting
- **Award:** \$75,000, paid in monthly installments starting around July 1, 2026.
- **Period:** July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027.
- **Deadline:** April 30, 2026, at 10:00 pm.
- **Purpose:** Unrestricted funds to support Connecticut artists' professional development, materials, and studio space.

Eligibility Requirements

To apply, you must:

- Be **18+ years old** as of Jan 1, 2026.
- Have been a **full-time CT resident** for the last two years.
- Apply as an **individual** (no collaborations or organizations).
- **Not** be a full-time student in a degree program during the grant period.
- **Not** be a CAF employee, board member, sponsor, or an immediate relative of one.

Note on Documentation: Finalists must provide a W9 and proof of residency (CT driver's license or tax returns) covering the last 24 months before a contract is issued.

Artwork Specifications

- **Medium:** Must be predominantly **oil, tempera, or acrylic** on canvas stretcher or board. Other materials may be a part of the artwork, but it must be primarily painting.
- **Exclusions:** No watercolors, pastels, or works on paper.
- **Multi-part Works:** Up to three parts are accepted as a single entry.
- **Digital Submission:** Upload JPG/JPEG files (3–5 MB each) to [Callforentry.org](https://callforentry.org). First round judging is strictly digital.

Timeline & Exhibition

- **May 30, 2026:** Notification of second-round finalist selection.

- **June 15, 2026:** Deadline for finalists to submit biographical and residency proofs. Finalists will be required to participate in an in-person interview and/or studio visit.
- **June 30, 2026.** Announcement of the winning finalist.
- **March 1, 2027:** Notification of the final exhibition venue.
- **Post-Grant:** An exhibition will be held after June 2027. The artist must attend the opening reception.

Rights & Liability

- **Copyright:** You retain ownership. CAF may use images of your work for non-commercial promotion and education.
- **Photography:** Visitors may take non-flash, personal photos of your work.
- **Liability:** The artist is responsible for any damage or loss from delivery through collection. CAF and its partners are not liable for damages.
- **Finality:** All judging is anonymous and final.

Grantee Obligations

- Provide periodic progress reports to CAF staff.
- Abide by all rules or face potential disqualification, even after selection.

Finalist Documentation Checklist

If you are selected as a finalist by **May 30, 2026**, you must provide the following materials to the Connecticut Arts Foundation (CAF) by **June 15, 2026**:

- **Proof of Residency:** Documents verifying you have been a full-time Connecticut resident for the past **24 months**.
 - *Accepted documents:* CT-issued driver's license or state tax returns with a CT address.
- **Completed W9 Form:** This must include your **Social Security Number** and your current **Connecticut address**.
- **Biographical Information:** Additional biographical proofs as requested by the CAF for their records.

- **Progress Reporting Agreement:** Confirmation of your commitment to report periodically to Foundation staff regarding your artistic progress.

Note: Grants are considered taxable income; please consult a financial professional for tax advice.