



Cheltenham Center for the Arts Resident Artist Program 2026-2027

The Cheltenham Center for the Arts Resident Artist Program seeks to enhance the creative educational experience at the Center by providing a supportive environment for artists starting or making a change in their careers. Our residents are self-supporting artists who wish to work and teach at the Center for one year.

Residents will: have a small, private studio space with 24-hour access, be the studio coordinator for their areas, and have the opportunity to teach classes at the Center. At the end of the year residents will have an exhibition at the Cheltenham Center for the Arts showcasing the body of work completed during their residency.

Qualifications:

The program welcomes self-motivated, focused individuals working in traditional and nontraditional mediums. The primary basis for selection is the strength and quality of the applicants' work; however residents must also have a clear objective for the time of their residency and be able to work as part of a close-knit community.

Responsibilities:

Each one of the Resident Artists will have day-to-day studio responsibilities working with our faculty and staff. Each session Residents may teach one or more classes at the Center with approval from the Director. The Resident will be expected to assist during Center sponsored openings and special events, as needed.

Openings:

The 2026-2027 Artist in Residence program runs from September 1, 2026 - June 9, 2027. There are **three openings in the program for this year**. We are now accepting applications for artists working in printmaking, drawing, painting or mixed media. **Application due date is May 1, 2026** for studios available beginning September 1, 2026. **Notification will be made by June 1, 2026**. Proposals in medium outside of those described will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Application Materials Required:

1. Resume or CV
2. Two professional letters of recommendation and one personal reference.
3. A Personal Statement that describes your work as well as the direction your work will take at the Center. Please tell us of your past experience in your field, why you would want a Residency at the Center at this time and how you plan to support yourself during the year.

4. Portfolio of 15-20, 300 dpi digital images of your work on a CD, flash drive, or shared file. Portfolio should be clearly labeled with your name, address, phone number and email address plus an image key with the title, description, dimensions, materials used and year produced.

Please do not include folders, binders, photographic prints, original art works, tear sheets, newspaper articles, etc. The Center will retain all application materials and will not return any materials submitted.

All residents must be able to pass an FBI background check and a Pennsylvania Child abuse clearance. For more information please contact Margaret Griffen, Executive Director, at the Cheltenham Center for the Arts at director@cheltenhamarts.org. Find more information about the Center at www.cheltenhamarts.org.