Society of Inclusive Blacksmiths Scholarship

In partnership with The Society of Inclusive Blacksmiths (SIBS), Pratt Fine Arts Center is pleased to offer the Society of Inclusive Blacksmiths Scholarship, an award that provides a variety of educational resources, professional development opportunities, and Pratt studio access to an emerging artist in Washington State. The SIBS Scholarship supports the creation of new work and equips the artist with the tools to advance to the next level in their professional journey. It is available to individuals from a historically marginalized group (e.g., BIPOC, LGBTQIA+, female, or disabled).

Scholarship Award: The Society of Inclusive Blacksmiths Scholarship will include the following:

- $1,500 credit at Pratt Fine Arts Center to apply towards class/workshop registrations in blacksmithing or welding and related supply fees, as well as studio/equipment access fees* to be applied over the duration of the award year, which runs **September 1, 2023 – August 31, 2024**
- $500 materials stipend paid directly to the artist
- Master level membership at Pratt Fine Arts Center (provides studio access, discounts on classes and supplies)
- Yearlong mentorship and guidance from the Society of Inclusive Blacksmiths in preparation for a culminating solo exhibition (optional)
- An exhibit at Pratt Gallery (optional)
- Basic PPE in the form of earplugs, safety glasses, and one pair of leather gloves.

Eligibility: The SIBS Scholarship is open to emerging visual artists, aged 18 years and older, who currently reside in Washington State and are a member of a historically marginalized group (e.g., BIPOC, LGBTQIA+, female, or disabled). Board, advisory board, and staff members of either of the partner organizations, as well as Pratt instructors, are not eligible to apply.

Application Evaluation: Applications will be reviewed by a committee of representatives from both partner organizations and will include artists and arts professionals. The scholarship will be awarded to the applicant who demonstrates exceptional promise, and whose past work and exhibition activities show strong potential and dedication to a career in art. The recipient’s proposal will clearly articulate the anticipated educational impact of the award, including a specific project to be pursued using Pratt’s facilities during the scholarship year.

Application requirements:

1. **Statement of intent (1,000 words or less) explaining:**
   a. What you intend to explore or accomplish during the scholarship year, including but not limited to:
      i. Specific project and exhibition proposal

*Successful completion of a studio orientation and access test are required to use Pratt’s facilities independently.*
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ii. Skills and/or techniques you plan to explore or develop
   b. How does your proposed project(s) relate to your previous work and artistic practice?
   c. What are your professional artistic and development goals?
   d. What do you hope to learn and how do you plan to benefit from the SIBS Scholarship?

2. Four (4) images of current work, labeled with your last name, title of piece, and numbered order for viewing. Images should be 7 inches on the longest side and have a minimum resolution of 180dpi. Please note that Pratt may use your submitted images with attribution in marketing materials to promote this scholarship.

3. Numbered image list that includes the following information for each piece:
   a. Title
   b. Dimensions
   c. Medium
   d. Year of completion
   e. Photo credit (if necessary)

4. Current resume and/or curriculum vitae

5. The following items to be used by Pratt Fine Arts Center in marketing should you be awarded this scholarship:
   a. Brief biography (less than 150 words), written in third person
   b. Headshot, photograph of your work, logo, or other image to be published with your biography
   c. Applicable social media handles and/or website that you would like the public to know about

All applications must include a completed scholarship application form. This can be completed online, turned in at the front desk of Pratt Fine Arts Center, or printed out and mailed to:

Pratt Fine Arts Center
c/o Natalia Torres
1902 South Main St
Seattle, WA 98144

TO APPLY ONLINE, visit www.pratt.org/scholarships

For questions or assistance, email RKlee@Pratt.org with "Scholarship assistance" in the subject line.

Deadline:

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE JULY 31, 2023.

A recipient will be announced in August, and the award year begins September 1, 2023.