



2022-2023 Society of Inclusive Blacksmiths Scholarship

In partnership with 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, 2022 – August 31, 2023**
- \$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)
- PPE (basic PPE will be provided)

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. **A 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
 - 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 you plan to benefit from the SIBS Scholarship?
2. **Four (4) JPEG images of current work (does not need to be metal)** - JPEGs should be formatted to 7 inches on the longest side, with minimum resolution of 180dpi, and file size no larger than 2MB each. Label your JPEGs with your last name, title of piece, and numbered order for viewing.**

3. **Numbered image list** that includes the following information for each piece:
 - a. Title
 - b. Dimensions
 - c. Medium
 - d. Year of completion
4. **Current resume and/or curriculum vitae**
5. **Completed online application form**

All document uploads must be in Word or PDF formats. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

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

Deadline:

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE JUNE 30, 2022.

A recipient will be announced in early August, and award year begins **September 1, 2022.**

TO APPLY, visit www.pratt.org/scholarships

* Successful completion of a studio orientation and access test are required to use Pratt's studios independently.

** Please note that Pratt may use your submitted images with attribution in marketing materials to promote the scholarship.