

TheJoyceAwards

Frequently Asked Questions

APPLICATION PROCESS

- **Question: Do both commissioning organizations and artists need to submit information for the letter of inquiry?**

Answer: Yes. The letter of inquiry, submitted by the commissioning organization, requires information from *both* the organization and the artist(s) entered through the Foundation's online grants management system, Fluxx.

- **Question: When we will know if the foundation has advanced us to the full proposal stage?**

Answer: If advanced to the full proposal stage, applicants will be notified by late September 2023, with full proposals due on October 30, 2023. As a reminder, all applicants who are new to the Joyce Foundation's online grants system must be registered in Fluxx by September 6, 2023 and LOIs are due by September 11, 2023.

COMMISSIONING ORGANIZATIONS

- **Question: Can non-arts organizations apply for the Joyce Award?**

Answer: Yes. Any 501c3 non-profit organization or organization fiscally sponsored by a 501c3 organization that has the proven ability to present and support artists' creative production and engagement with local communities can apply for a Joyce Award. In the past, non-arts, community-based organizations, including immigrant services agencies, have won and successfully managed awards. Commissioning organizations must be based in the [Metropolitan Statistical](#) Area of one of six Great Lakes cities: Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, Indianapolis, Milwaukee, or Minneapolis-St. Paul.

- **Question: What if our organization wants to commission an artist for a project that will take place beyond the metropolitan limits of Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, Indianapolis, Milwaukee, or Minneapolis-St. Paul?**

Answer: Though some Joyce Awards have purposefully sought to connect various geographies, a significant majority of Joyce Award activity as well as the culminating presentation or production *must* take place in one of these designated cities (see geographic definition above).

- **Question: Can new or smaller-budget organizations apply to commission artists for the Joyce Award?**

Answer: Yes. All organizations are welcome to apply as long as they have been in existence for one-year or longer and can demonstrate financial capacity to use Joyce Award funds as outlined in their original proposal and to raise additional funds as needed. Organizations that are fiscally-sponsored projects of larger

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umbrella organizations are also welcome to apply. Organizations are strongly encouraged to include administrative and staffing costs into their project budgets.

- **Question: How many times can an organization apply for a Joyce Award?**

Answer: There is no limit. Though most organizational awardees are first-time winners, commissioning organizations can submit up to two proposals per cycle and can commission any artist who is not the previous recipient of a Joyce Award.

- **Question: Can we commission an artist to repeat a project they have performed elsewhere?**

Answer: No. The Joyce Award program is intended to support the commission and presentation of new work and seeks to provide artists a platform for the creation of artwork that has the potential to raise the visibility of their practice and elevate their careers.

- **Question: How long is the Joyce Award project period? What if the project will take less time or need more time to be completed?**

Answer: The Joyce Award project period is from 12 to 24 months. Because Joyce Awards are built around the creation of new works and artists' and commissioning organizations' extensive community interaction from project ideation to completion, it is expected that these grants will require sufficient time for incubation, development, stakeholder engagement and production.

- **Question: When is the earliest start date for project being funded by the Joyce Awards?**

Answer: Since the 2024 Joyce Award finalists will be reviewed and approved at the Joyce Foundation's Board of Trustees meeting in April 2024 projects should start no earlier than June 1, 2024.

ARTISTS

- **Question: How many artists can be proposed at one time?**

Answer: While there is no limit, Joyce Awards have typically gone to individual artists. However, successful commissions have also gone to an existing group (e.g. The Carolina Chocolate Drops) or to collaborations between artists. To date, Joyce Awards have gone to no more than three artists working together on a single commission.

- **Question: is there a standard amount of the award that should go to artist commission fees?**

Answer: Of the \$100,000 Joyce Award, at least \$30,000 must go to the artist(s) as a stipend.

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- **Question: If I'm an artist who has received a Joyce Award in the past, may I re-apply if working with a new organization?**

Answer: No. Artists who have received a Joyce Award in the past (as a commissioned artist) are not eligible to re-apply, even if working with a new organization. However, an artist who has received a Joyce Award in the past (as a commissioned artist) may re-apply as an organizational applicant, where the proposed project would be commissioning other artists who have never received a Joyce Award in the past.

- **Question: If I'm the founder or Executive Director/Artistic Director can I name myself as the commissioned Joyce Awards artist?**

Answer: No. Artists must be commissioned by an unrelated entity; no self-commissions or commissions by an arts organization or company founded or led by the artist. Commissioned artists may be related to the commissioning organization, currently or in the past, such as in the capacity as a resident artist, teaching artist, or board member.

- **Question: What if I have additional questions about the application process or guidelines?**

Answer: Should you need additional assistance navigating the Fluxx online grant management portal, or a specific question regarding Joyce Awards guidelines that is not answered here, please contact joyceawards@joycefdn.org.

- **Question: What if I need more hands-on help?**

Answer: If you need assistance after the Foundation has responded to your questions, please reach out to joyceawards@joycefdn.org again and we will be happy to set up a phone or video call with you.