

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 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: For the 2022 Joyce Awards, applicants must be registered in Fluxx by September 6, 2021, with LOIs due by September 13, 2021. Full proposals will be requested by the end of September 2021 and are due November 1, 2021.

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 residents and stakeholders 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 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.

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 have the demonstrated financial capacity, regardless of current operating budget, 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 umbrella organizations are welcome to apply.

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 that 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.

Artists

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

Answer: Most Joyce Awards go to individual artists. However, other successful commissions have 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 \$75,000 Joyce Award, at least \$25,000 must go to the artist.

Question: The Joyce Award period is from 12 to 18 months. What if the project will take less time or need more time to be completed?

Answer: 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. Projects can take a bit less than 12 months to complete but should not run longer than 18 months.

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

Answer: Since Joyce Award finalists are reviewed and approved at the Joyce Foundation's Board of Trustees meeting in April 2022, with press announcement in May 2022, projects should start no earlier than June 1, 2022.

Question: If I've received a Joyce Award in the past, may I re-apply if working with a new organization?

Answer: 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 artists who have never received a Joyce Award in the past.

Question: What if I need additional help?

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.