



JURYING INTO APPALACHIAN ARTS

About Appalachian Arts

Appalachian Arts is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with a mission to promote creativity. We offer education in art and craft, studios to explore and develop skills, and a retail market for qualified artists. Our vision is to be a center of excellence for artistic expression serving the creative needs of the Appalachian community. We connect artists, art seekers and art supporters with one-of-a-kind handmade arts and crafts, art classes for community members of all ages to learn new skills, and we play an active role supporting our local communities.

Appalachian Arts has grown to become a highly recognized educational facility. Our art instructors include many working art professionals in the creative and fine arts fields covering a variety of skills; handwoven textiles, nature photography, landscaping, pottery, painting, weaving and more.

Our Board of Directors is comprised of elected officers who are nominated from and elected by the general membership. We have two employees: an Executive Director (full-time) and an Administrative Assistant (part-time).

About the Jury Process

The Standards Committee conducts jury sessions three times a year to jury new artists. We accept both traditional and contemporary arts and crafts. The submitted work must be current and handmade in the last 2 years by the applicant. The safety of the customer should be a primary concern of each crafter. Each item should include any applicable labels that identify the item, primary materials used, and include instructions for care or use; do not include personal identifying information. Appalachian Arts strongly encourages individuals from underrepresented communities, including people of color, senior citizens, and individuals with disabilities, to apply and participate in our programs and opportunities. Applicants can apply for one art category per jury review. For example, ceramics or woodworking, not both. During the Jury Process, the Standards Committee will evaluate submissions based on the following guidelines:

- Creativity within the category.
- Craftsmanship
- Design and Originality

- Appropriateness for Appalachian Arts

Steps to Apply

- Contact Appalachian Arts to obtain the current jury application and submission deadlines.
- Review the Standards Guidelines for the appropriate art category.
- Completely fill out the jury application. Submit the application with the non-refundable jury fee (\$40) and three (3) samples of your best finished work by the due date.
 - Please include packaging, labeling, and pricing that you would use if you are accepted to sell at Appalachian Arts.

Artists will be notified electronically of acceptance or non-acceptance within two weeks after the jury submission deadline. Standards Committee decisions are final. All items must be picked up within one week following notification.

Current juried members in good standing may jury into a different category for a \$25 non-refundable jury fee. Additional desktime obligations will apply.

Frequently Asked Questions

What are my obligations if I am accepted?

- Become a member of Appalachian Arts! Accepted applicants must maintain an active membership at one of the following membership levels:
 - \$50: Individual Membership
 - \$75: Family Membership – 2 family members living in the same household
 - \$100: Friend of Appalachian Arts – 3+ family members living in the same household
- Agree to the Selling Member obligations as outlined on the Selling Member Membership Card. Your signature on the Selling Member Membership Card verifies that you have read, understand, and agree to the requirements of participating as a Selling Member at Appalachian Arts.
- Desktime Requirements
 - Each selling member is required to work the desk four (4) hours per month for a total of 48 hours per year, per juried category unless other specific arrangements are made with the Executive Director. If you cannot or choose not to work the desk, you are required to pay a **\$40.00** desktime fee by the end of the month for each shift not worked.
 - All desk workers are required to be at least 18 years of age.
 - The Executive Director will schedule an orientation session where you will be trained by another experienced deskworker on how to work the desk.

How much commission will I receive for items sold?

Appalachian Arts receives 40% commission on all sales. Sales tax is collected and paid on sales. Selling Members maintain their own inventory records, if they choose.

What if one of my pieces breaks, is lost or stolen, damaged in a fire or other natural disaster?

The Selling Member at Appalachian Arts AGREES to Appalachian Arts not being held liable for inventory loss or damage. Inventory placed at Appalachian Arts is at the artist's own risk.

Where do I put my pieces?

All displays are set up and arranged by the Shop Committee and employees. Unless otherwise approved, all display furniture is owned by Appalachian Arts. A space will be allocated for your pieces. It is up to you to refill, rotate, and exchange inventory as needed.

What if I decide to stop selling at Appalachian Arts? Do I have to reapply for the jury process?

- If you are inactive for less than one year you do not have to reapply for the jury process. Inform and notify the Executive Director of your intent to return to Appalachian Arts. The Executive Director will determine if there is space in the gift shop for you to return to selling at Appalachian Arts. A jury fee does not apply.
- If you are inactive for 1-3 years, you must resubmit three examples of work to be reevaluated by the Standards Committee during the next jury session. A jury fee does not apply.
- If you are inactive for 3+ years, you must reapply for the jury process at Appalachian Arts. A jury fee does apply.

We appreciate your interest in selling at Appalachian Arts! We look forward to working with you and assisting you in your artistic endeavors.

Thank you

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JURY APPLICATION

Your Contact Information:

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____
street address City State Zip

Phone Number with Area Code: _____

E-mail: _____

By signing and submitting this application, you agree to the following:

The items that I am submitting for jury are of my own work, handcrafted, and not the products of kits. I acknowledge that the items submitted for jury are submitted at my own risk. While Appalachian Arts will strive to keep my items safe, Appalachian Arts shall not be liable for loss or damage to my items.

Name (Print)

Signature

Date

JURY APPLICATION (CONT.)

Please state the category you are applying for: _____

Please list a description for each submitted piece. *Materials used, processes involved, price and packaged as it would appear at AACCC, etc.*

Item # 1:

Item #2:

Item #3:

Are there any components to your crafted items that are pre-made? If yes, please explain:

JURY APPLICATION (CONT.)

Tell us about your process:

What techniques do you use (materials, processes)?

What are your primary themes or subjects and why do you prefer them?

What would you like others to know about your work?

Tell us about you:

Please provide a brief artist statement (100-250 words). You can use the back of this sheet of paper if needed or attach a printed copy to this application.

How long have you been working in this art or craft? _____

How did you begin this art or craft?

Do you have a degree in your art or craft field? Are you a self-taught artist? Please explain:

Jury Candidate # _____ Jury Date _____ *(for office use only)*

A few more questions are on the back!



The following demographic information helps us with grant applications. The below optional information you provide is confidential and will not affect your application. Please check all that apply.

Age:

- 17 or Under
- 18-35
- 36-50
- 51-64
- 65+

Sex:

- Male
- Female

Ethnicity:

- African American
- American Indian
- Caucasian
- Hispanic
- Other _____

I have a disability:

- Yes
- No

I live in a Rural community:

- Yes
- No

I live in an Urban community:

- Yes
- No

Please feel free to add any extra comments here: _____

THANK YOU!