

Art related

Grants / contests / opportunities

Databases

[Art Opportunity:](#)

A blog that lists grants, residencies, contests, and other opportunities for art students and art professionals.

[First Peoples Fund:](#)

A Grant program that specifically recognizes the power of art and culture and how it can be a positive change to Native communities. The program provides multiple programs.

[California Arts Council:](#)

An up to date database of current and ongoing grants available to all within the arts.

[California Grant Watch:](#)

A database that allows you to create specific filters to find the art and culture grants that work best for your project.

[Art insight:](#)

A Website database that links to artist grants near and far. The website also provides links to residencies, jobs, opportunities, museum and gallery info, and classes.

[College Art Association:](#)

This database has an updated list of opportunities for artists in a variety of areas.

[Chico Arts Opportunities:](#)

The city has grant opportunities for artists in a variety of positions.

Individual Contests – multiple disciplines

[Aesthetica Magazine:](#) Deadline = August

The Aesthetica Art Prize is a celebration of excellence in art from across the world. There are four categories to enter: Photographic & Digital Art; Three-Dimensional design & Sculpture; Painting, Drawing & Mixed Media; Video, Installation & Performance.

[Burning Man:](#)

One of the core goals of the Global Art Grant program is to move art into public spaces, where everyone has access to view the artwork free of charge. The grant supports

projects that envision creative ways to increase interactivity and community engagement.

[The Elizabeth Greenshields Foundation](#): Rolling applications

The Foundation will only fund young artists who are pursuing their studies or are in the early or developmental stage of their career, painting, drawing, sculpture or printmaking, and demonstrate the determination and talent to pursue a lifetime career in their art practice.

[Harpo Foundation](#): April deadline

The award provides direct support to under-recognized artists 21 years or older and who have graduated.

[Puffin Foundation Artist Grants](#):

Aims to provide grants to emerging artists who are under-recognized in the mainstream opportunities and whom are emerging within the music, photography, and theater fields.

[Association of Performing Arts Professionals](#):

Supported by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation this Cultural Exchange Fund helps artists travel abroad to collaborate, build partnerships, and experience art from around the world in its cultural context. The APAP encourages applicants to consider choosing a country in Africa, Asia, Latin America, or the Middle East.

[Creative Capital](#):

Supports artists from across the county through funding, counsel, and career development services. Artists working with Painting, Sculpture, Works on Paper, Photography, and more can apply.

Photography

[Aaron Siskind Foundation](#):

Offering Limited number of Individual Photographer's Fellowship grant of up to \$15,000 each, for artists working in photography and photo-based art. This is a grant that can be applied for by graduating – current students can not apply.

[Burn. Emerging Photographer Fund](#):

Designed to support continuation of a photographer's personal project, or emerging career. There is no age limit, and no limit as to how many projects you may enter. Projects submitted may be ongoing, or finished.

[Center](#):

Granted to an outstanding photographer working on a fine art series or documentary project. The award is to help complete or disseminate the works, as well as provide a platform for exposure and professional development opportunities.

[W. Eugene Smith Grant in Humanistic Photography:](#)

This Grant is designed to help a photographer begin a photographic project or help complete an ongoing photographic project. The Judges will be looking for a photographer whose proposed project seems most likely to use exemplary and compelling photojournalism (possibly supplemented by or incorporating multi-media) to address an issue of import and impact related to the human condition; social change; humanitarian concern; armed conflict or interpersonal, psychological, cultural, social environmental, scientific, medical and/or political significance, ideally expressing an underlying acknowledgement of our common humanity.

[Photo Contest Guru:](#)

A database has a large list of grants opportunities for photographers.

Sculpture

[National Sculpture Society:](#)

This database contains a variety of award, competition, grant, and prize information just for sculptors. Deadlines vary.

For Contests:

Check our magazine subscription print and websites. They have new contests beginning practically every month. ☺

Grants for female artists

[The Bennett Prize](#): (painting)

This award is for female figurative realist painters to help create a solo exhibition of figurative realist paintings that will travel the country.

Disaster Relief Grants for Artists

[Joan Mitchell Foundation](#):

The foundation provides up to \$6,000 in emergency support to US-based visual artists working in the medium of painting, sculpture, and or drawing, who have suffered significant losses after natural or man-made disasters that have affected a region on a broad scale.

[The Pollock-Krasner Foundation](#):

The foundation provides up to \$10,000 in emergency grants. This can be applied for by students affected by the California Wildfires.

General Grants