

ARIZONA STATE PARKS ARTIST RESIDENCY

Call for Fall 2025 Resident at Patagonia State Park



The Arizona State Parks Artist Residency Program is a collaborative initiative between Arizona State Parks and Trails (ASPT) and the Arizona Commission on the Arts (Arts Commission) designed to immerse Arizona-based artists in the state's natural ecosystems.

The program provides artists with dedicated time, space, and resources to create work inspired by local landscapes in State Parks, promoting aesthetic appreciation, environmental education, and community engagement.

By bringing artists to parks like Patagonia Lake State Park, the program fosters creative exploration that connects art with the environment, while encouraging the preservation and appreciation of Arizona's unique natural and cultural heritage.

PROGRAM DETAILS

Residency Duration

The Fall 2025 residency will span three weeks between October 29 - November 24, 2025, based on resident availability.

Artist Stipend & Materials Budget

The resident artist will receive the following:

- \$7,000 Artist Stipend
- \$1,500 reimbursable materials budget

Accommodations

Patagonia State Park will provide the following:

- On-site Housing in a cabin with fridge, microwave, AC, and WIFI
- On-site Workspace based on artist's needs
- Full 24-hour access to park amenities

Expectations

The following are expected of the resident artist during the course of their residency:

- One required open studio session
- Opportunities for public programming
- Connection with locals relevant to the artist's work

MISSION

Arizona State Parks and Trails' mission is to connect people with the outdoors and history of Arizona to build a lifetime of memories. Meanwhile, at the Arizona Commission on the Arts, we imagine an Arizona where everyone can participate in and experience the Arts.

VISION

Our vision is to inspire a deeper connection between art, nature, and environmental stewardship. Through artistic interpretation of Arizona's landscapes, a focus on climate and ecological themes, and active contributions to conservation efforts, we foster a culture of aesthetic appreciation and environmental awareness.

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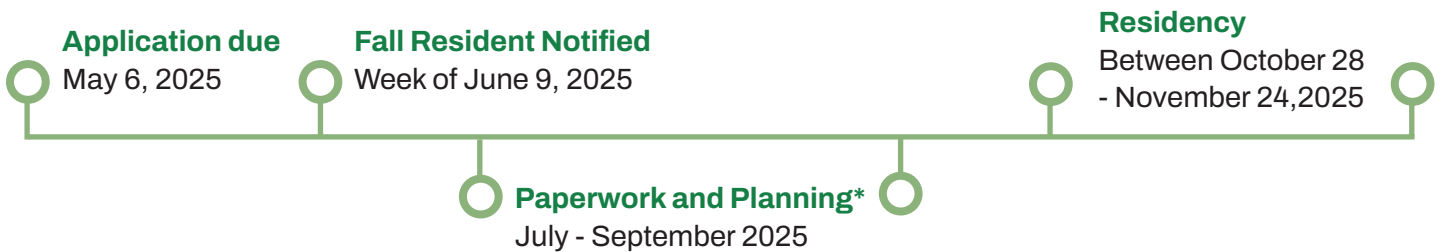
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ELIGIBILITY

To be considered for this opportunity, applicants must be...

- at least 18 years old
- a resident of Arizona

PROGRAM TIMELINE



* Planning with Patagonia State Park team may take place virtually.

HOW TO APPLY

When you're ready to apply, go to https://azarts.smapply.io/prog/arizona_state_parks_artist_residency_program/.

You do not have to complete the application in one session; at any point you can save a draft of your application and complete or submit it later.

EVALUATION

Applications will be reviewed and scored by a panel of ASPT and Arts Commission staff according to the following criteria:

Artistic Vision and Alignment with Program Goals

The application should clearly articulate the applicant's artistic practice and how it aligns with the residency's goal of fostering artistic exploration through immersive experiences in Arizona State Parks.

Potential for Artistic Growth and Innovation

The application should demonstrate how the residency will facilitate the artist's growth, expand their artistic practice, and potentially lead to new opportunities or innovative work.

The top 5 scoring applications will be discussed by the panel and a decision will be made based on the needs of the park.