

St. Botolph Club Foundation - Emerging Artist Award

WEBSITE: <https://sbcfboston.org>

APPLICATION DEADLINE

RISD Internal Preliminary Application Due: Wednesday, February 22, 2023, at 12:00 PM NOON ET
St. Botolph Club Foundation Application Due (Nominees only): Friday, March 10, 2023, at 12:00 PM NOON ET

Application opens: December

Internal RISD Nomination Announced: Late February

Awards are announced by St. Botolph Club Foundation: Late April/Early May

DESCRIPTION

The St. Botolph Club Foundation encourages New England artists at the early stage in their careers, through their Emerging Artist Award in the Visual Arts. Since its inception, this program has provided support to more than 600 emerging artists across New England. The Foundation seeks to identify promising artists to whom it can “make a difference” through the combination of financial support, recognition, and endorsement. Grants may be used for a variety of purposes, including travel, research, participation in workshops or residencies, tools or supplies, and underwriting time off to complete a project or commission. The Visual Arts grant is \$3,500; approximately 15 are awarded annually.

Note: All or part of this grant may be considered taxable income by the IRS. Please review this link as it pertains to your experience since you may need to report it when filing taxes for the year in which you receive funding.

<https://www.irs.gov/taxtopics/tc421>

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Articulates clearly a strong connection to New England (Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont). Applicants should intend to live and work in New England, for the most part, in the year ahead. It is the hope of the St. Botolph Club Foundation that awardees can attend a celebratory event/exhibit in the fall at St. Botolph’s location in Boston.
- Has completed their undergraduate education before the start of the grant (June) and has yet to achieve significant public or professional recognition.
- This is an award for emerging artists. St. Botolph Club Foundation is not looking to fund RISD coursework, projects, exhibits, or thesis. Think about projects, goals, and needs beyond RISD?
- While applicants are not required to submit documentation of financial need, St. Botolph Club Foundation jurors do consider financial hardships when reviewing project proposals.
- Has limited to no exhibition experience.
- Demonstrates significant promise/talent.
- Explains how the award will make a substantial difference their professional development.
- Makes a strong case for why the grant is needed to support a project of imaginative yet focused scope.
- Application materials are submitted and complete by the due date, and high-quality materials are presented.

ELIGIBILITY

- Undergraduate Students: Seniors and fifth year students graduating December 2022 or June 2023 are eligible.
- Graduate Students: All currently enrolled graduate students as well as those graduating December 2022 or June 2023 are eligible.
- Artists who have had multiple solo exhibitions in established galleries, institutions, and museums will be considered too accomplished.
- There is no age limit.

- Artist must have a strong New England connection:
 - Applicants who are from New England do not necessarily need to propose a project or practice in New England if their connection to New England through their network, practice, and/or work is strong.
 - Those who are not from New England but have another year left at RISD meet the requirement of living and working in New England in the year ahead; however, their connection to New England should go beyond their RISD education.
 - Graduating students who are not from New England must be committed to living, working, exploring, and exhibiting in New England for at least a year after receiving the grant.
 - International students are eligible but they must be committed to living, working, exploring, and exhibiting in New England for at least a year after receiving the grant. International students must be able to receive taxable income to receive this grant.

APPLICATION PROCESS & COMPONENTS

- Students must fill out and submit the RISD Preliminary Application online by the internal deadline. The link to the online application can be found at <https://careercenter.risd.edu/risd-managed-grants#botolph>.
- **IMPORTANT:** This application should be what you would submit to an external granting organization. While this is a RISD internal process for nomination selection, nominees will only have approximately **10 days** to make revisions to the application they submitted to RISD and submit to the St. Botolph Club Foundation.
- The application components are:
 - **APPLICANT PERSONAL AND ACADEMIC INFORMATION**
 - This includes two short answer essays about your connection to New England.
 - **PROPOSAL LETTER.** In a cohesive 1 page letter format describe what you will do with your grant. The letter should be in PDF format, approximately 5,000 characters with spaces/punctuation, and .7 margins, Times New Roman 11 point font, single spaced.
 - The content structure is up to you but here is a basic paragraph outline to get you started:
 - 1) The Hook – a statement or question to draw in your reviewers; AND The Overview – a brief who, what, where, why
 - 2) Your Work – your process, the contextual nature of your work, and/or your path
 - 3) The Plan – proposed activity and how the funding will be spent being as specific as possible
 - 4) Results – your expected goals or outcomes
 - 5) Impact – why you need the grant and how the award will make a substantial difference in your professional artistic life; consider that jurors do consider financial hardship in their decisions
 - *PLUS – The New England connection! This could be a paragraph on its own or sprinkled throughout. Consider your responses to the short answer essays about your connection to New England. Is this included in your proposal letter?
 - *AND – Keep in mind, St. Botolph is looking for projects that are imaginative yet focused.
 - **RESUME.** Include most recent employment, community involvement, volunteer service, exhibitions, awards, achievements, and other accomplishments. (PDF)
 - **Unofficial TRANSCRIPT.** Go to your RISD Student Planning account, then Academics, then “Student Planning.” Download an “Unofficial Transcript.” Your submitted transcript should include the courses you are currently registered for this Spring semester or through graduation if you are graduation December 2022. Check the size of this document. The transcript file you receive is often quite large. You will likely need to compress this file considering your application cannot exceed 25MB in uploads. Upload this PDF into your application. Make sure the PDF is legible.
 - **NUMBERED IMAGE LIST / VIDEO DESCRIPTION** to include: title, materials, dimensions, year, and a brief description (150 characters with spaces max).

➤ YOUR WORK – either:

– 5 IMAGES. The images should be approximately 900 X 1200 pixels and must be jpg file format.

OR

– 5 MINUTES OF VIDEO. Video is submitted by including a DIRECT link online to the video that you would like us to review.

- The RISD Selection Committee will determine nominees and submit nominations to the St. Botolph Club Foundation.
- The selected nominees will receive Information about the St. Botolph Club Foundation Application process. The application is similar to RISD’s preliminary application for nomination.
- The selected nominees complete the online application by the St. Botolph Club Foundation deadline in March. Nominees have approximately 10 days between hearing RISD’s nomination decision and submitting to St. Botolph.
- The selected nominees are required to submit a final copy (PDF) of their application to the RISD Career Center.
- Awards will be announced in Late April/Early May.

TIPS FOR APPLICANTS:

- **Each attachment can be up to 3MB, however, please note that the TOTAL upload cannot be over 25MB.**
- **Avoid submitting at the last minute. Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.**
- Review the guidelines and required materials carefully before you begin the application.
- Follow all directions carefully.
- Prepare your application in advance in a word document and check your spelling. **The application form will not save your answers once you leave the page.**
- Attachments should be named in the following way: FirstnameLastname.Documenttype. So Jane Smith would name her files JaneSmith.Response, JaneSmith.Transcript, etc.
- Image file titles should include the number followed by a parenthesis to ensure they sort in the order you intend. So 1)JaneSmith.ImageTitle, 2)JaneSmith.ImageTitle, etc.
- After you submit you will see a submission screen and receive an email confirming a successful submission.

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