



# 2025-2026 FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION

## TIMELINE

- 2025-26 Fellow Application Opens: May 1, 2024
- 2025-26 Fellow Application Closes: July 7, 2024
- Semi-Finalists Announced: September 16, 2024
- Semi-Finalist Interview and Review of work: September 16 - October 6, 2024

## ELIGIBILITY

We encourage artists working in all disciplines to apply. Artists are eligible to apply if they have not been exclusively represented by a commercial gallery in the previous 10 years, can commit to a 2 year Fellowship term, and can fulfill the responsibilities and requirements. While there is no set distance limit, applicants should be based in the greater Washington, DC area.

## HOW TO APPLY

To apply for the Touchstone Foundation for the Arts Fellowship, candidates are required to submit information via an online form at [tfawdc.org/fellowship-application](https://tfawdc.org/fellowship-application) and a link to a Dropbox or Google Drive folder with images and PDF documents.

### SUBMIT VIA THE ONLINE FORM:

- Name and email
- Statement of interest
- Artist statement (300 words max)
- Website and Instagram (optional)
- Two professional references

### SUBMIT VIA LINK TO GOOGLE DRIVE OR DROPBOX FOLDER:

- 7-10 images or videos of artworks that have been created since July 2021. A minimum of seven artworks should be included. Additional images may be detail shots or additional artworks.
- List of submitted artworks images, including name, media, size, and price (PDF).
- Artist resume or CV (PDF)

All images must be jpegs. All video files must be .mov or .mp4. All text files in Drive/Dropbox must be PDFs. Submitted images/video files and PDF documents must be in a single folder with open permissions (anyone can view). Click for: [Drive help](#), [Dropbox help](#).

If you are unable to create a folder and would like Touchstone Foundation for the Arts to provide you with a Dropbox file request link, please email [tfawdc@gmail.com](mailto:tfawdc@gmail.com) no later than July 5, 2024.

## FELLOWSHIP OVERVIEW

The Fellowship provides emerging artists with a two-year artist membership and representation at Touchstone Gallery in Downtown DC. Selected Fellows will be featured in an estimated 20 group exhibitions, receive mentorship from established artists, have a presence on the Touchstone Gallery and Touchstone Foundation for the Arts websites, and be awarded a solo exhibition (with materials stipend) at the end of the two-year term. Since 2014, Fellowships have been awarded to artists and are based on artistic merit.

## SELECTION PROCESS

Applications will be reviewed by the Touchstone Foundation for the Arts Board of Directors. A small group of semi-finalists will be asked to bring physical artwork for in-person review, and finalists will interview with the TFA Board. Touchstone Gallery Member Artists will complete a final review and select from the semi-finalists. One or more applicants will be awarded a Touchstone Foundation Fellowship for 2025-26, to begin in December 2024.

## BENEFITS:

- Full Artist Membership and representation (non-exclusive) for the duration of the fellowship.
- A month-long solo show exhibition at Touchstone Gallery at the conclusion of the Fellowship, with an \$1000 stipend to cover show materials and expenses.
- Inclusion of artwork in Gallery group shows (artwork may not be repeatedly shown within a one year period) plus space for up to 5 additional unframed pieces.
- Opportunity to participate in other exhibition opportunities arranged by the Gallery
- Representation on Gallery's website, online store, and social media pages as applicable.
- After the duration of the Fellowship, fellows may choose to continue Gallery membership in a category of their choice.

## RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Work sold by Touchstone Gallery is subject to a 40% commission (60% artist/40% gallery) and a 25% commission on work sold due to Gallery referral.
- Five hours of gallery staffing per month
- Active participation in Gallery volunteer opportunities
- Attendance at six Gallery meetings per year

**APPLY NOW!**

If you have questions or require additional help or access to this application, please email [tfawdc@gmail.com](mailto:tfawdc@gmail.com).