



Ripley Butler Clay Fund Grant for the Arts

A program of the Community Foundation of the Ozarks

Call for Entry

The Ripley Butler Clay Fund Grant is open for applications to its 2026 grant program. This program provides one-time grants annually of up to \$1,250 to artists age 18 or older who reside in Ripley or Butler County, Missouri, or Clay County, Arkansas. Applications will be accepted through June 15, 2026.

Grant applications will be selected from digital images of the artist's past work and the completion of the application (below).

The Ripley Butler Clay Fund Grant for the Arts is designed to advance a visual artist residing in either Ripley or Butler County, Missouri, or Clay County, Arkansas who displays exceptional aesthetic investigation in either two or three-dimensional artwork.

Submissions

A minimum of six and a maximum of nine images may be submitted for consideration for this grant program. These images will show the artist's previous work. Eligible work includes painting, mixed media, drawing, pastel, sculpture, printmaking, and photography.

All work submitted must have been executed since January 1, 2021. The images of the body of work entered (6-9 pieces), should be in a JPG format.

Artists must submit a statement and an annotated image list that corresponds with the order of the images and includes the artist's name and the title, medium, and dimensions of each work.

Agreement

The receipt of an application for the Ripley Butler Clay Fund Grant for the Arts will imply agreement on the part of the entrant with all conditions set forth in this prospectus. Funding will be provided through a vendor for the purpose of purchasing art supplies or through a local arts-oriented nonprofit organization (501(c)3) to serve as fiscal agent.



The recipient of the Ripley Butler Clay Fund Grant for the Arts will be responsible to document his or her use of the grant monies with a written description, photos and a summary within twelve (12) months of receiving the funds.

Checklist

The following materials must be received by June 15, 2026:

- 6-9 images in JPEG or similar format
- Corresponding description of each work
 - Title of work
 - Medium
 - Dimensions
- Application (below)
- Answers to application questions (no more than two pages)

Award Notices

Award recipients will be selected and notified in the summer of 2026. The Ripley Butler Clay Fund Grant for the Arts award will be followed by a contract for signature by the artist agreeing to the terms of the grant award. Artists who receive the reward will be required to submit a brief report one year from the grant date informing the Community Foundation of the Ozarks of the artistic endeavors as a result of the grant funding.

Application submissions (accepted by email only): afleming@cfozarks.org

For questions regarding this program, contact Ashley Fleming, Director of Community Impact, at afleming@cfozarks.org or (417) 864-6199.



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Please complete the following information.

Applicant name: _____
Last First M.I.

Date of Birth: _____ email: _____

Address: _____
Street Address

City State Zip County

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Please include a document (no more than two pages in total length) with answers to the following information requests:

1. What is your artist statement?
2. Describe your work to the committee.
3. What motivates you as an artist?

In applying for and potentially receiving this grant, applicants agree to hold the Community Foundation of the Ozarks (CFO) harmless for, from, and against any and all liability, damages, and claims of any kind, known and unknown, which may be connected with or result from or arise out of the consideration, preparation, or fulfillment of this grant program.

Applicant signature _____ Date _____