

# St. Botolph Club Foundation - Emerging Artists Award

WEBSITE: <http://www.sbcfboston.org>

## APPLICATION DEADLINE

**RISD Preliminary Application Due: Tuesday, February 5, 2019, at 12:00 NOON**

**St. Botolph Club Foundation Application Due (Nominees only): Early-Mid April**

Application opens: January

Internal RISD Nomination Announced: End of February

Awards are announced by St. Botolph Club Foundation: End of May

## DESCRIPTION

The St. Botolph Club Foundation encourages New England artists at the early stage in their careers, through their Emerging Artists Award. Since its inception, this program has provided support to more than 500 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. The grants disciplines are: literature, music, and the visual arts. 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 grant is \$3,000; approximately 15 are awarded annually. RISD nominates up to 2 candidates for this annual award.

## SELECTION CRITERIA

- Articulates clearly a strong connection to New England (Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont).
- Demonstrate significant promise/talent.
- Have limited to no exhibition experience.
- Explain how the award will make a substantial difference in the artist’s professional development.
- Make a strong case for why the grant is needed to support a project of imaginative yet focused scope.
- While applicants are not required to submit documentation of financial need, St. Botolph Club Foundation jurors do consider financial hardships when reviewing project proposals.
- Complete application materials by the due date and present high quality materials.

## ELIGIBILITY

- Currently enrolled graduating seniors and fifth year students, and all currently enrolled graduate students are eligible to apply.
- Artists who have had multiple solo exhibitions in established galleries, institutions, and museums will be considered too accomplished.
- There is no age limit.
- Artists must live and work in New England.
  - 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.

## 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 <http://www.risdcareers.com/grants/risd-managed-awards/>. The application components are:

- APPLICANT PERSONAL AND ACADEMIC INFORMATION
- RESPONSES to the following in 1 PDF. Please include the question text as headers before your responses, and use 1 inch margins, Times New Roman 12-point font, and single spaced rows:
  - ESSAY 1) Artist’s statement or personal narrative. (250 word max)
  - ESSAY 2) Project proposal outlining your activities, goals, and how the award will be spent. (250 word max)
  - ESSAY 3) What impact will the award have on your artistic/professional development? You may also include the financial impact. (250 word max)
  - ESSAY 4) Describe your connection to New England through your background, your work, and/or your practice. This is important to the St. Botolph Club Foundation. Please review the Selection Criteria and Eligibility in the guidelines. (250 word max)
- 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 and download an “Unofficial” transcript. Upload this PDF into your application. Make sure the PDF is legible. Your submitted transcript should include the courses you are currently registered for this Winter session.
- NUMBERED IMAGE LIST / VIDEO DESCRIPTION to include: title, materials, dimensions, year, and optional narrative description. (1 page PDF max)
- YOUR WORK – either:
  - 6 IMAGES. The images should be approximately 900 X 1200 pixels and must be jpg file format.
  - OR
  - 5 MINUTES OF VIDEO. Include a link to your video on your website, vimeo, etc.
- RISD internal review panel will select the nominees by the end of February and will submit letters of recommendation to the St. Botolph Club Foundation.
- The selected nominees will receive Information about the St. Botolph Club Foundation Application process. The application consists of: a one-page letter specifically describing what you will do with a grant, a resume, and either 6 images or 5 minutes of video.
- The selected nominees are required to schedule a meeting in late February/early March with Lisa Cramer, the Grants & Residencies Manager. She will provide guidance throughout the process and editorial support.
- The selected nominees must send a draft of the application and images to be submitted to Lisa for review by late March/early April.
- The selected nominees complete the online application by the St. Botolph Club Foundation deadline in April.
- The selected nominees are required to submit a final copy (PDF) of their application to the RISD Career Center.
- Awards are announced by the end of May by the St. Botolph Club Foundation and are received by awardees in June.

*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.**
- Documents/Responses within a PDF should be in the same order as listed in the guidelines. Please include the question text as headers before your responses, and use 1 inch margins, Times New Roman 12-point font, and single spaced rows.
- 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.

## RISD CONTACT

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