

The **Alabama State Council on the Arts** announces the creation of the **Gay Burke Memorial Fellowship in Photographic Arts** for individual artists living in Alabama



Over four decades, photographer and professor of art Gay Burke developed a distinguished art photography program in The University of Alabama's Department of Art and Art History, all the while creating her own artwork. Burke died May 1, 2017 after inspiring generations of photographers, artists and educators.

Through a generous gift, the Gay Burke Memorial Fellowship in Photographic Arts was established in 2018 to provide Fellowships to Alabama photographers to advance their artistic careers. Applications will be accepted between January 2, 2019 - March 1, 2019. The selected artists will be announced in June 2019 with their fellowship period effective October 1, 2019 - September 30, 2020.

\$5,000 cash awards are made to individual artists in the photographic arts based on merit of work, career achievement, career potential and service to the state. This fellowship provides awards to recognize artistic excellence as well as professional commitment and maturity and contributes to the further development of the artist and the advancement of his or her professional career. Fellowships are competitive. Quality of work and professionalism as determined by samples of work and narrative are particularly important. Provide samples of the highest quality work completed within the last five years.

Eligibility: Fellowship applicants must be legal residents of Alabama for a minimum of two years prior to the application deadline, and are expected to maintain residency during the grant award year (Oct. 1 -Sept. 30). Artists who have previously been awarded any ASCA Fellowship are eligible to apply for a second Fellowship six years after their first Fellowship. After an artist has received two Fellowships, they are no longer eligible to apply. Fellowships are also offered in the following categories with the same application deadline.

Visual Arts includes painting, sculpture, printmaking, book arts, and experimental and conceptual approaches.

Craft includes work made using clay, fiber, glass, leather, metal, paper, plastic, wood, or mixed media.

Media Arts and Photography includes film, audio and sound installations, video, experimental technology and work created using computers or other digital technology as the primary expressive vehicle.

Deadline March 1, 2019
apply online @ arts.alabama.gov