

## Midwest Artist Project Services Mock Panel Application Guidelines

- Incomplete or non-eligible applications will not be reviewed, and applications will not be accepted after the deadline.
- This opportunity is for applications for arts-focused projects, led by individuals or collectives. Incorporated 501c3 nonprofit organizations are not eligible to apply.
- Any artistic discipline is eligible, including visual arts, music and performing arts, literature, film, socially engaged practice, architecture, design, and more. The creation, production, or presentation of artistic work, or engagement of audiences with the arts should be a core component of the project.
- MAPS defines a “project” as having a beginning and an end, with a definitive outcome. You may submit an application for a single project or program taking place as part of a larger initiative, so long as it is not part of programming for an already-incorporated LLC or 501c3 nonprofit.
- Any U.S. citizen over 18 may apply. Current students are eligible.
- Virtual or internet-based projects are eligible; however keep in mind the same criteria for audience accessibility and impact applies as with all other projects.
- Your total project budget should range between \$5,000 and \$50,000. The cash prizes offered with this opportunity will be awarded for the best *applications*, and are given as “no strings attached.” Awardees are under no obligations to use the prize money for their project; no final report is needed.
- Attendance by you or a designated representative for the panel review affects your final score. Attendance is not required, however, it counts for one point in your overall application, which will be added at the end. Panelists have taken the time to review your application; this structure reflects the importance of attending workshops and other opportunities offered in order to help you submit the best possible application.
- Three independent panelists will review your application and provide scores between 1 and 5 (with 5 being highest), with justifying commentary, on each of five areas: Artist Merit, Project Organization, Project Marketing and Audience, Project Thoughtfulness, and Project Budgeting and Fundraising. Your final score will be the average of all five area scores.
- Your project application must not have been awarded any previous grant or other opportunities. You may use application language from your other original grant applications that have not been successful. If you have submitted your application to another opportunity that is still pending, you may submit.
- Any application that is suspected of plagiarism will be investigated. If plagiarism from online sources, applications by other individuals or organizations, or other applications that have received funding is found, your application will be disqualified.