



**Wichita Center for the Arts
Artist in Residency Program
September 1 through August 31**

Artist in Residence Program

Wichita Center for the Arts offers an Artist in Residency Program effective September 1st through August 31st. This opportunity allows individuals to further their pursuits and development within the realm of the ceramic arts at a supportive studio while at the same time adding a wonderful addition of energy and perspective to the studio community.

Our Artist in Residency Program offers individuals an opportunity to create, explore new work and teach in a fully furnished clay studio while developing professionally and personally in a community of individuals with a passion for clay and learning.

What our Residency Offers

Residents of Wichita Center for the Arts receive access to the fully equipped, 2,000 square foot facility, participation in clay workshops and classes (space permitting), use of wheels, firing privileges, use of clay studio glazes raw materials, ample shelving all within reason. The resident will also be given a studio space with a private wheel and storage. Opportunities exist in teaching experience and exhibit and sell work in our consignment gallery. In addition, this program gives an individual a chance to have an ongoing dialogue about their work in a supportive mentoring environment and gain first hand knowledge of the day to day operation of a community clay center and fine craft gallery.

Responsibilities of Residents

In exchange, residents are expected to work a minimum of 15 regularly scheduled hours each week for the Center. Duties include teaching clay classes, summer camps, loading and unloading the kiln, clay inventory, firing, mixing glazes, teaching in the Creative Center Child Pre-school, and performing other regular cleaning and maintenance duties required in the daily operations of the facility. Assisting with workshops is expected. In addition, residents are expected to work to develop a strong and cohesive body of work.

This residency is a one-year commitment. The first month is considered a trial period with an evaluation meeting after that period is complete.

Equipment available to Resident

The ceramics studio is equipt with 4 electric skutt kilns (2 computerized, 2 manual), 2 updraft gas kilns, 15 electric kickwheels, 5 electric wheels (AIR gets choice of which types he/she want in the studio), wet room, glaze room with spray booth, and soldner clay mixer.

Eligibility

The Artist in Residency program is available to all artists of varying degrees of experience and career levels with a working knowledge of the ceramic medium. Artists with a B.A. or M.F.A. or planning to pursue an M.F.A. are encouraged to apply. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older. In addition, applicants must be self motivated, reliable and people-oriented. Please note: It can be unfortunate when a resident finds themselves overwhelmed with trying to find balance between their responsibilities as a resident, making time to create and explore their own work, and working a job to pay their bills. This balancing act is one that requires self discipline, commitment and dedication – and is not impossible. Before applying for any residency, make sure that it is the right commitment for you. We encourage all interested applicants to visit the Center before applying.

Application Date

Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis. Positions are filled as vacancies become available. Wichita Center for the Arts staffs one artist in residence at one time.

How to Apply

The Executive Director for the Wichita Center for the Arts selects all new residents. Applicants are either invited outright by the Executive Director or are chosen from those applying. The selection process is based upon a compilation of the info provided by your application and an in-person interview if possible. If you would like to apply for a position as an artist in residence at Wichita Center for the Arts, please fill out the current application and send it along with 10 slides of your current work, resume, artist statement, two letters of reference, and a letter of interest (telling us why are applying and anything else you want us to know about you), and a self addressed stamped envelope for the return of your slides. Send all materials to:

Wichita Center for the Arts
ATTN: Artist in Residency Program
9112 E. Central
Wichita, KS 67206

For more information regarding this program, or to make an appointment to visit the studio and discuss our program in person, please call 316-634-2787 ext. 219 or email us at school@wcfata.com. Thank you for your interest in our program.

Wichita Center for the Arts
Artist in Residency Program Application Form
September 1st through August 31st

PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: STATE: ZIP: _____

PHONE: E-MAIL: _____

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

HIGHEST DEGREE EARNED: _____

WHERE: WHEN: _____

OTHER DEGREES: _____

WHERE: WHEN: _____

ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER, PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING:

1. What other residency, workshop, or other ceramic experience have you had?
2. Describe in detail the purpose for which this residency is requested and include your work plan within allocated time frame, and specific materials needed.
3. Describe any technical assistance your project would require.

**PLEASE ENCLOSE THE FOLLOWING MATERIALS TO
COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION:**

____ Completed application form

____ Answers to questions 1-3

____ 10 digital images or slides of your recent work, including name, title, medium, and dimensions. If necessary, you may include a separate slide description sheet.

(____ Self-addressed stamped envelope for the return of slides. No slides will be returned without self-addressed stamped envelope.)

____ Resume

____ Artist Statement

____ Two letters of reference with address and phone numbers

____ Letter of Interest (telling us why are applying, what you plan on accomplishing during your residency, and anything else you want us to know about you)

PLEASE. NOTE: Slides of accepted applicants will be kept by Wichita Center for the Arts.

Please Note: All applications are reviewed as they are received. The Artist in Residency Program is September 1st through August 31st. Application are accepted year round.

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____