



## **Gulfport Merchants Association "Rise and Shine" Artist Grants**

### **Purpose:**

The purpose of the Gulfport Merchants Association "Rise and Shine" Artist Grants is to support Gulfport's and Pinellas County's creative community and to promote Gulfport as an art destination.

To be eligible to apply for one of the two grants offered the applicant must be a current resident of Pinellas County, current residents of the City of Gulfport will be given preferential treatment during the approval process. The applicant must be at least 18 years old.

The grants consist of funding, exposure and exhibition space.

### **Before applying, please note:**

-The application deadline to apply for the 2018/2019 cycle is **May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018**.

### **Overview:**

Total Grant of \$1000 each for two recipients. Requirements to be completed in a one-year period.

-\$500 upon award. To be used exclusively for displays, materials and supplies related to your aspirations as an artist.

-\$300 in 10 booth reservations at Gulfport Art and Gallery Walk with direct professional social media marketing support, 4 of the reservations must occur during the months of June thru October.

<http://visitgulfportflorida.com/>

-\$200 after Post Grant Report and completed booth reservations.

### **Requirements:**

All grant monies are expected to go directly into the artist creating work and/or creating a professional display that can be used for future festivals and shows.

Grant recipients will be required to complete a Post Grant Report, which provides an accounting of expenditures and outlines the experiences the artist has had through out the length of the grant period as it relates to their creative process and their time at Gulfport Art and Gallery Walk. If an artist fails to

complete report or the 10 booth reservations in a one-year period, the final payment of \$200 of the grant will be forfeited. Invoices for the initial \$500 and final \$200 will be required.

### **Application Requirements:**

-Proof of Pinellas County residency and if applicable City of Gulfport residency. Could include valid Florida driver's license, Florida I.D., Voter I.D. card or utility payment bill. (pdf or jpeg when applying online)

-Resume: no more than 2 pages. Please include address, telephone, email and 3 art/professional references (PDF when applying online)

-Artist Statement: 500 words or less (PDF when applying online)

-4 images of your work (jpegs when applying online)

-Description of images in order. Please include title, size, date and value (PDF when applying online)

-Facebook and website links.

-e-mail all documents in one e-mail to [Submissionsartistgrant@GulfportMA.com](mailto:Submissionsartistgrant@GulfportMA.com) you will receive e-mail confirmation of your application.

### **Selection Process**

-The Gulfport Merchant's Association will review and make funding decisions on all submitted requests.

-Applications are typically reviewed as they are received, and artists will be notified of decisions via e-mail. All funding decisions are final.

-The GMA will formally announce the Grantees at the Gecko Ball on August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The Artist will be notified prior to the event and would be expected to attend.

-If an artist is approved, grant checks will be sent directly to the recipient upon the receipt of an invoice provided by the artist.

**If you have any questions, please contact [Questionsartistgrant@GulfportMA.com](mailto:Questionsartistgrant@GulfportMA.com)**

**Thank you, it's time to Rise and Shine!**