



2026 Application Form: Artist-in-Residence Program

4-Week Emerging Artist Residency in the Village of Chester, Nova Scotia

Residency Dates: May 1st, 2026 – May 29th, 2026

Application Deadline: January 1st, 2026

Applications must be emailed to info@chesterartcentre.ca with the subject line “**Artist-in-Residence Application**” no later than January 1st, 2026 at 4:00pm. Please include the complete form below with your submission.

Personal Information

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Website (if applicable):

Social Media Handles (Instagram, Facebook, etc.):

Will you have your own transportation? Yes _____ No _____

The residency runs from May 2nd to May 30th, 2025. **Will you be able to participate in the entire residency?** Yes _____ No _____

Where did you hear about the Chester Art Centre’s Artist-in-Residence Program?

Social Media ☐

CAC Website ☐

Local Publication ☐



Word of Mouth ☐

Other (please specify): _____

Important Residency Information

Dates: May 1st to May 29th, 2026

Stipend: The Art Centre will pay the successful applicant(s) a stipend of \$1000.

Accommodations: Accommodation will be provided by the residency program unless the applicant lives locally. Please let us know if you have accessibility needs.

Studio Space: Studio space will be provided by the residency program. Please specify your studio needs so that we can match you to the most suitable studio.

Materials and Equipment: Materials and equipment are the responsibility of the artist.

Travel: Applicants are responsible for the cost of travel arrangements to and from Chester.

Selection will be based on the following:

- Artistic merit and experience as related to proposed goals.
- Potential for successful completion of proposal goals within the time frame.
- Relationship between the applicant's previous experience and their likelihood to benefit from growth as an artist.
- The potential impact of this residency in furthering the career of the artist.
- The proposed community engagement project.

Jury: A committee from the Chester Art Centre.

Please provide the following required support material:

*Clearly mark your name on all submitted materials



1. Goal for the residency (Max 250 words)

Describe your intent and goals for the duration of the residency including work processes, materials and/or equipment you will be working with during your residency. Please ensure to include how this particular residency will impact you, and why you wish to do this residency here in the Village of Chester.

2. Documentation of Artistic Work

Please provide 5-10 images saved as .jpg files. Each image should have a number with your name and image title to insure they are presented in the order you wish. Provide a numbered image list (artist, title, medium, dimensions/duration and date).

3. Community Engagement Proposal (max 150 words)

Please provide us with a brief overview of the community engagement you wish to do during the residency. This could be a short workshop, a demonstration, an interactive artist talk, a combination, or something else all together. If you are accepted into the residency we will work with you to refine your idea if needed. Your planned project should only take approximately 1-4 hours of your time to present.

4. Current CV (max 3 pages)

Please email info@chesterartcentre.ca with any questions you have regarding this application or the residency program. For accommodations during the application process, email the above, or call us at (902) 275-5789.

For more information, visit our website: www.chesterartcentre.ca

We look forward to receiving your application!

For any inquiries, please contact us at info@chesterartcentre.ca.