

UNITED ARTS

CENTRAL FLORIDA

FY26 Individual Artist Awards: Scoring Matrix

Grant Activity Period: October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2026

A review panel comprised of artists, community members, and United Arts board members will read and score eligible Individual Artist proposals based on the following criteria. A total of **100 points** is possible. Funding is highly competitive; not all proposals of merit may be funded.

Artistic Excellence and Merit [40 Total Points]

- **Artistic Excellence (20 Points):** Demonstrated through work samples and a professional resume, including any combination of formal or informal education, artistic training, level of achievement, and/or evidence of commitment to personal artistic development.
 - **Creativity and Innovation (10 Points):** A unique approach, process, or application of techniques that is distinct from others and pushes boundaries.
 - **Completeness and Clarity of the Application (10 Points):** The application is thoroughly completed and clearly articulates the artist's vision and proposed use of funds. Reviewers will consider that English may not be the applicant's first or primary language.
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Career Impact [30 Total Points]

- **Advancement of Artistic Practice (15 Points):** Does the proposal clearly articulate how the award will enable you to grow and advance your artistic practice? This could include developing new skills, exploring new ideas or techniques, or taking risks in your work or the work you represent.
- **Economic & Professional Development (10 Points):** Does the proposal demonstrate how the award will contribute to your economic independence and encourage continued financial growth, and/or expand your professional network to include other artists, communities, audiences, and potential patrons?

- **Increasing Access to Funding (5 Points):** Does the application demonstrate how this award will specifically benefit a professional artist whose access to merit-based funding opportunities is limited by geography, economic status, or disability?
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Access and Community Impact [30 Total Points]

- **Community Impact of Artistic Practice (20 Points):** Does your artistic practice have a clear and meaningful impact on a specific community or the Central Florida region at large?
 - For this award, United Arts defines community as: A group of people sharing a common interest, location (e.g., neighborhood, city), identity (e.g., cultural, ethnic), or challenge. This can include, but is not limited to, underserved populations, youth, seniors, individuals with disabilities, or specific geographic areas within Lake, Orange, Osceola, and Seminole counties.
- **Artist Involvement and Engagement (10 Points):** Does the proposal demonstrate your involvement in the community, including collaborative efforts or engaging with other artists, organizations, or community members in a way that fosters connectedness and belonging? This includes engagement with individuals whose opportunities to experience and participate in the arts are limited by factors such as geography, ethnicity, economic status, and disability.