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**INDIVIDUAL ARTISTS
FELLOWSHIP
2026-27
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ABOUT

The Individual Artists Fellowship supports and celebrates California artists across disciplines—recognizing those shaping culture through their work and leadership.

Excellence defined by:

- A distinct and compelling artistic voice
- A sustained, committed creative practice
- Meaningful engagement with and impact on community and culture

Fellowship Levels

- **Emerging** — \$5,000
- **Established** — \$10,000
- **Legacy** — \$50,000

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KEY DATES

- **Application Opens:** April 15
- **Application Deadline:** June 1, 5pm
- **Application Orientations:** (clickable)
 - **April 15 | 1-2:30pm**
 - **April 23 | 6:30-8pm**
- **Zoom Office Hours,** Santa Cruz County Mondays 4-5pm April 20th - June 1st (see website for regional office hours)
- **Award Notification:** August 31 2026
- **Fellowship Term:** Sept 1 2026 - August 31 2027

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Location

Central Coast California

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About the Fellowship: A program of the California Arts Council, administered on the Central Coast by Arts Council Santa Cruz County in partnership with regional arts agencies. The fellowship provides unrestricted funding to artists and culture bearers across all disciplines, supporting the continued development of creative work.

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Who Can Apply

Artists and culture bearers working in any discipline who live in the Central Coast region.

Eligible Counties

 Monterey  San Benito  San Luis Obispo  Santa Barbara  Santa Cruz  Ventura

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