

2025-26 Jon and Mary Shirley Scholarship in Glass

Through the generous and enduring support of the Jon and Mary Shirley Foundation, Pratt Fine Arts Center is pleased to offer an enhanced, project-based scholarship to support two (2) emerging artists pursuing a career in the glass arts the opportunity to explore new or experimental directions in his/her/their practice, and leverage Pratt's valuable educational resources.

Scholarship Award:

Each Jon and Mary Shirley Scholarship in Glass Award includes:

- A \$3,750 award which may be applied towards glass arts class/workshop registrations and studio access fees for Pratt's glass facilities including the Hot Shop, Warm Shop, Cold Shop, Moldmaking Studio and use of the sandblaster. *
- Recipients will also receive an annual Master level membership at Pratt for the duration of the award year, which runs September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2026.

Eligibility:

The Jon and Mary Shirley Scholarship in Glass is open to emerging glass artists, aged 18 years and older, who have completed a glass arts class or workshop at Pratt Fine Arts Center or have accessed Pratt's glass facilities independently within the past calendar year. This scholarship may not be used to fund production work using Pratt's glass facilities. Pratt staff, board members, and instructors are not eligible to apply.

Application Evaluation:

Applications will be reviewed by a committee of local artists and other arts professionals with expertise in the glass arts. The scholarship will be awarded to the applicants who demonstrate exceptional promise in the medium, and whose past work and exhibition activities show strong potential and dedication to the glass arts. Finally, the recipient's statement of intent will clearly articulate the anticipated educational impact of the award, including a project proposal to be pursued using Pratt's glass facilities during the scholarship year.

TO APPLY, visit https://pratt.org/scholarships

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