



2025-26 Society of Inclusive Blacksmiths Scholarship

In partnership with Society of Inclusive Blacksmiths, Pratt Fine Arts Center is pleased to offer the SIBS Scholarship, an award that provides a variety of educational resources, professional development opportunities, and Pratt studio access to an emerging artist in Washington State. The SIBS Scholarship supports the creation of new work and equips the artist with the tools to advance to the next level in their professional journey. It is available to individuals from a historically marginalized group, which includes anyone who identifies as BIPOC, LGBTQIA+, female, or disabled.

Scholarship Award: The Society of Inclusive Blacksmiths Scholarship will include:

- \$1,500 credit at Pratt Fine Arts Center to apply towards class/workshop in blacksmithing or welding registrations and related supply fees, and studio/equipment access fees * (the credit may be applied over the duration of the award year, which runs **September 1, 2025 – August 31, 2026**)
- \$500 materials stipend paid directly to the artist
- Master level membership at Pratt Fine Arts Center (provides studio access, discounts on classes and supplies)
- Yearlong mentorship and guidance from the Society of Inclusive Blacksmiths in preparation for a culminating solo exhibition (optional)
- An exhibit at Pratt Gallery (optional; date TBD)
- Basic PPE (earplugs, safety glasses, and one pair of leather gloves)

Eligibility:

The SIBS Scholarship is open to emerging visual artists, aged 18 years and older, who currently reside in Washington State and are a member of a historically marginalized group (e.g., BIPOC, LGBTQIA+, female, or disabled). Pratt staff, board members, and instructors not eligible.

Application Evaluation:

Applications will be reviewed by a committee of representatives from all presenting organizations and will include artists and arts professionals. The scholarship will be awarded to the applicant who demonstrates exceptional promise, and whose past work and exhibition activities show strong potential and dedication to a career in art. The recipient's proposal will clearly articulate the anticipated educational impact of the award, including a specific project to be pursued using Pratt's facilities during the Fellowship year.