



Pratt Fine Arts Center
1902 S Main St
Seattle, WA 98144

A promotional poster for Pratt's Scholarships + Awards. It features a photograph of two smiling students, a young man and a young woman, both wearing 'HELLO' name tags. The background is a vibrant orange with abstract geometric shapes and a textured gold border. The text 'Scholarships + Awards' is prominently displayed in white and orange, with 'Applications open' and the deadline 'Deadline: Sunday, July 12, 11:59 PM' below it.

Scholarships + Awards

Applications open
Deadline: Sunday, July 12, 11:59 PM

pratt.org/scholarships

(206) 328 - 2200

scholarships@pratt.org



2026–2027 Pratt Scholarship Award Criteria

Thank you for your interest in Pratt Fine Arts Center's 2026–2027 scholarship cycle. This document includes detailed information about each available scholarship, including award purpose, eligibility, selection criteria, and how funds or benefits may be used.

This year, Pratt is offering over **\$38,100 in scholarship support across 14 awards**. Scholarship support may include cash funds, class credit, studio access, professional development stipends, and/or year-long Pratt membership benefits, depending on the award.

Applicants may apply for multiple scholarships through one application. Eligibility and selection criteria vary by award, so please review each scholarship carefully before selecting which awards you would like to be considered for. Applicants may apply to more than one scholarship but will only receive one award if selected.

This juried opportunity is designed primarily for artists in the **Pacific Northwest region** who are ready to make meaningful use of Pratt Fine Arts Center's studios, classes, and creative community in Seattle, WA.

Artists who identify as Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC), LGBTQIA+, and/or living with or having disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply.

Please note: Artists who received a Pratt scholarship during the 2025–2026 scholarship cycle are not eligible to apply for this cycle.

Application Timeline

- Application deadline: July 12, 2026 at 11:59 PM PT
- Award announcements: Mid-August 2026
- Group orientation + scholarships begin: September 1, 2026



Pratt Fine Arts Center
1902 S Main St
Seattle, WA 98144

Before You Apply

Please review the eligibility, purpose, and selection criteria for each scholarship carefully. Some awards are medium-specific, age-specific, identity-specific, or intended for artists at particular stages in their creative practice.

As part of the application, you will be asked to submit a separate statement of intent for each scholarship you select. This helps the jury understand why you are applying for that specific award and how its resources would support your creative practice.

Scholarship Year + Community Participation

Pratt scholarships are more than one-time awards. Recipients are expected to be active members of the Pratt community during their scholarship year, making meaningful use of Pratt's studios, classes, programs, and community opportunities.

The scholarship cycle begins with a mandatory group orientation, typically held near September 1. Throughout the year, recipients may have opportunities to connect with fellow awardees through an awards ceremony, midpoint check-in, art market vending opportunities, a final group exhibition, and helping jury and welcome the next cohort of scholarship recipients.

At the close of the scholarship year, recipients will also be asked to complete a brief reflection survey and share photos of work, experiments, or process from their time at Pratt. These reflections help Pratt understand the impact of each award and support donor and grant reporting requirements that make these scholarships possible.

We hope recipients will use this year to deepen their practice, build relationships, explore new possibilities, and contribute to Pratt's creative community.

Questions? Please contact: scholarships@pratt.org.



Bernie Funk Artist Explorations Scholarship

The Bernie Funk Artist Explorations Scholarship is an annual scholarship awarded to one adult who identifies as an artist working in two- or three-dimensional media, excluding glass. The scholarship will include classes in the metal, wood, stone, drawing, painting, or printmaking studios, a membership to Pratt, studio access, a supply stipend, and professional development opportunities.

Scholarship Award - The Bernie Funk Artist Explorations Scholarship will include:

- \$3,000 credit at Pratt Fine Arts Center to apply towards class/workshop registrations and related supply fees, or studio/equipment access fees. * (The credit may be applied over the duration of the award year, which runs September 1, 2026 – August 31, 2027.)
- \$1,000 materials stipend paid directly to the artist
- Up to \$500 reimbursed for professional development workshops such as those offered through Artist Trust
- Complimentary Collaborator level membership (\$200 value) at Pratt Fine Arts Center (provides studio access, discounts on classes and supplies)

Furthermore, Pratt Fine Arts Center will make every possible effort to promote the recipient's work and ensure maximum public exposure throughout the experience.

Eligibility:

The Bernie Funk Artist Explorations Scholarship is open to visual artists at any career stage, aged 18 years and older. Pratt staff, board members, and instructors not eligible.

Application Evaluation:

Applications will be reviewed by a diverse committee of Pratt local artists and arts professionals. The scholarship will be awarded to the applicant who demonstrates exceptional promise, and whose past work and activities show strong potential and dedication to a career in art. Finally, the recipient's proposal will clearly articulate the anticipated educational impact of the award, including intended learning outcomes to be pursued using Pratt's facilities during the scholarship year.

Edwin T. Pratt Scholarship



Pratt Fine Arts Center
1902 S Main St
Seattle, WA 98144

Pratt Fine Arts Center is pleased to offer the Edwin T. Pratt Scholarship, providing opportunities for three (3) artists of color to advance their careers through education and exposure. The Edwin T. Pratt Scholarship aims to amplify the work of marginalized artists and equip them with the tools to progress to the next level in their professional journeys. These artists, in turn, will make powerful contributions to the cultural vitality of our region.

Pratt Fine Arts Center serves as a lasting tribute to Edwin T. Pratt, a civil rights leader who relentlessly championed open and equal access to educational and housing opportunities for all of Seattle's residents. Pratt Fine Arts Center honors his memory by continuing to pursue its mission of making art accessible to everyone, for people of all ages, all skill levels, and all backgrounds. This scholarship is one way Pratt makes that mission a reality.

Scholarship Award:

Each Edwin T. Pratt Scholarship will include:

- \$2,500 credit at Pratt Fine Arts Center to apply towards classes and related supply fees, as well as studio access fees * (the credit may be applied over the duration of the award year, which runs September 1, 2026 – August 31, 2027)
- \$500 materials stipend paid directly to the artist
- Complimentary Collaborator level membership (\$200 value) at Pratt Fine Arts Center (provides studio access, discounts on classes and supplies)

Furthermore, Pratt Fine Arts Center will make every possible effort to promote the recipient's work and ensure maximum public exposure throughout the experience. This may include securing an appropriate site for a culminating exhibition at the end of the award cycle.

Eligibility: The Edwin T. Pratt Scholarship is open to visual artists of color at any career stage, aged 18 years and older. Pratt staff, board members, and instructors not eligible.

Application Evaluation: Applications will be reviewed by a diverse committee of Pratt local artists and arts professionals. The scholarship will be awarded to the applicant who demonstrates exceptional promise, and whose past work and activities show strong potential and dedication to a career in art. Finally, the recipient's proposal will clearly articulate the anticipated educational impact of the award, including intended learning outcomes to be pursued using Pratt's facilities during the scholarship year.

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, Mold-making Studio and use of the sandblaster. *
- Recipients will also receive an annual Collaborator level membership (\$200 value) at Pratt for the duration of the award year, which runs September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027.

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.

Lillian Yeh Scholarship for Lifelong Artists



Pratt Fine Arts Center
1902 S Main St
Seattle, WA 98144

Through the generous support of her family and friends, Pratt is pleased to offer this merit-based scholarship in memory of Lillian Yeh, who was a passionate and caring member of Pratt's community. Her love for the arts will be honored at Pratt through the Lillian Yeh Scholarship for Lifelong Artists, which encourages young adults (aged 18-25) to pursue artmaking as a lifelong passion.

Scholarship Award:

The award, an \$800 scholarship and Collaborator level Pratt membership (\$200 value), may be applied exclusively towards class/workshop registrations and related supply and studio access fees in Pratt Fine Arts Center's Drawing/Painting or Jewelry / Metalsmith Studios, and must be used between September 1, 2026 and August 31, 2027.

Eligibility:

The award is open to young adults between the ages of 18-25 who are pursuing higher education (or recently graduated) and possess a personal or professional interest in making art a lifelong passion. Limited to the disciplines of painting/drawing or jewelry/metalsmithing, the Lillian Yeh Scholarship for Lifelong Artists is intended to supplement a college-level education by deepening a young person's educational experience. Pratt staff, board members, and instructors are not eligible.

Application Evaluation:

The Lillian Yeh Scholarship for Lifelong Artists will be awarded to the applicant who best demonstrates artistic ability and articulates their creative intent and anticipated educational impact of the prize. Applications will be reviewed by a committee of Pratt staff, artists, or other arts professionals with expertise in painting/drawing and jewelry/metalsmithing.

Gary & Mary Molyneaux Scholarship for Women



Through the generous support of Mary and Gary Molyneaux, Pratt is pleased to offer a scholarship supporting the continued advancement of women over 50 years of age who have 20 years of professional art experience. This scholarship is designed to extend an artist's reach through exploring new frontiers in methods, media, and materials.

Scholarship Award:

The award, a \$2,700 scholarship and complimentary Collaborator level Pratt membership (\$200 value), may be applied towards class/workshop registrations and studio access fees in Pratt Fine Arts Center. The credit may be applied over the duration of the award year, which runs September 1, 2026 – August 31, 2027. \$500 of the award will be distributed directly to the artist for materials, supplies, and personal expenses.

Eligibility:

The award is open to professional, practicing artists with 20+ years of experience who are 50 years of age or over and identify as female. Pratt staff, board members, and instructors are not eligible.

Application Evaluation:

The Gary & Mary Molyneaux Scholarship for Women will be awarded to the applicant for whom the award would be most transformational, as indicated by the quality of past work and the intended use of scholarship funds. Applications will be evaluated by a jury comprised of artists and arts professionals with expertise in the field of visual art.

Professional Artist-in-Residence : Woodworking



Pratt Fine Arts Center
1902 S Main St
Seattle, WA 98144

Pratt Fine Arts Center welcomes a professional artist for a month-long residency in Pratt's Wood Studio. This program provides dedicated time, space, and access to support experimentation, creative advancement, and the development of new work.

This residency is especially suited for handtool woodworking, woodcarving, woodturning, furniture, chairmaking, and sculpture. Priority will be given to projects that are a strong fit for the Wood Studio's resources, tools, and space.

Residency Details:

- **Duration:** The residency runs for one month, **Fall of 2026.**
- **Studio Access:**
 - The recipient will have access to Pratt's Wood Studio during normal operating hours, daily from 9 AM to 10 PM, along with a dedicated workbench and limited indoor storage. Overflow storage and large-scale outdoor storage may be considered upon request.
 - Access to stationary tools may be limited during scheduled classes, which primarily take place in the evenings. Access to other Pratt studios may be possible depending on availability, studio policies, and the needs of the proposed project.
- **Financial Support:**
 - \$250 stipend awarded directly to the artist
 - \$500 credit for classes and access in studios other than woodworking
- **Exhibition and Recognition:**
 - Pratt will provide a venue, reception, and publicity for a public lecture and in-studio exhibition, to be completed by May 31, 2027.

Eligibility:

The Artist-in-Residence Program is open to professional working visual artists aged 18 years and older. Pratt staff, board members, and instructors are not eligible.

Application Evaluation:

Applications will be reviewed by a jury of Pratt staff, artists, and arts professionals. The residency will be awarded to the applicant for whom the residency stands to have the greatest impact. The jury will specifically assess artistic intent, the potential for professional and creative advancement, and the fit of the proposed project with the resources available.

Pratt/Seattle Print Arts Partners Scholarship



In partnership with Seattle Print Arts (SPA), and to nurture the development of our shared artist community, Pratt is pleased to offer three (3) enhanced scholarships in printmaking (formerly known as the Seattle Print Arts Scholarship). This award is specifically for Puget Sound printmakers who are members of Seattle Print Arts.

Grant Award:

Each Pratt/SPA Partners Scholarship, a \$1,000 award, is to be applied towards printmaking classes and workshops, and supply fees at Pratt Fine Arts Center. A \$700 stipend will be distributed directly to the recipient for purchasing materials and supplies. In addition to the financial award, the recipient will also receive:

- One-year SPA membership renewal
- One-year Collaborator Level membership (\$200 value) at Pratt Fine Arts Center
- Access to Pratt's Printmaking Studio for the duration of the award year, this runs September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027. * (Valued at \$2,340; 12 months x \$195/month)

Eligibility:

The Pratt/SPA Partners Scholarship is open to printmakers of all levels, aged 18 years and older, who are active members of SPA and who wish to refine their skills or pursue new or experimental directions in their discipline. Previous involvement or prerequisite classes at Pratt are not required. Pratt staff, board members, and instructors not eligible.

Application Evaluation:

The Pratt/SPA Partners Scholarship will be awarded to the applicant who best demonstrates artistic merit and articulates his/her creative intent and anticipated educational impact of the prize. Applications will be reviewed by a committee of Pratt staff, SPA board members, and other arts professionals with printmaking expertise.

Society of Inclusive Blacksmiths Scholarship



Pratt Fine Arts Center
1902 S Main St
Seattle, WA 98144

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, LGBTQIA2S+, 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, 2026 – August 31, 2027)
- \$500 materials stipend paid directly to the artist
- Collaborator level membership (\$200 value) at Pratt Fine Arts Center (provides studio access, discounts on classes and supplies)
- 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.

Webber/Tompkins Scholarship in Glass



The Bryna Webber & Richard Tompkins Scholarship in Glass honors the legacy of these patrons by supporting emerging glass artists who push boundaries and explore new directions in their work. The scholarship empowers recipients through financial support for independent work in Pratt's glass studios and funding for glass classes and workshops, fostering artistic development. This opportunity is open to artists demonstrating a commitment to experimentation. The Webber/Tompkins Family's generous support reflects their dedication to nurturing the next generation of glass artists.

Scholarship Award:

The Webber/Tompkins Scholarship in Glass includes a \$500 artist stipend, along with a \$3,500 award which may be applied towards classes, registrations and studio access fees for Pratt's glass facilities including the Hot Shop, Warm Shop, Cold Shop, Mold making Studio and use of the sandblaster.* Recipient will also receive an annual Collaborator level membership (\$200 value) at Pratt for the duration of the award year, which runs September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027.

Eligibility:

The Webber/ Tompkins 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 not eligible.

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 applicant who demonstrates 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 from using Pratt's glass facilities during the scholarship year.

Ready to Apply?



Pratt Fine Arts Center
1902 S Main St
Seattle, WA 98144

Thank you for reviewing Pratt Fine Arts Center's 2026–2027 scholarship criteria.

Before submitting your application, please make sure you have reviewed the eligibility, award purpose, and selection criteria for each scholarship you plan to apply for. Applicants may apply to multiple scholarships through one application, but will only receive one award if selected.

As part of the application, you will be asked to submit:

- Artist bio
- Artist statement
- Work samples and image list
- A general statement about how you hope to use Pratt's resources
- A separate statement of intent for each scholarship you select

Application deadline: July 12, 2026 at 11:59 PM PT

Award announcements: Mid-August 2026

Group orientation + scholarships begin: September 1, 2026

Questions? Please contact scholarships@pratt.org.

We look forward to learning more about your work and how this scholarship year could support your creative practice.