



## Submitting Strong Work Samples

Strong work samples are important to your Creation Grant proposal. Reviewers often look at the samples first, so presenting a strong portfolio is important. Capture their attention from the beginning. Artistic excellence and artistic merit make up the majority of the weight of the application.

### Tips

- Include your strongest and/or most recent and relevant work (i.e., if your discipline is painting but you are submitting a sculpture project, provide sculpture samples, sketches of the sculpture, etc.)
- Use samples that are the best representation of your art
- Present a consistent body of work
- If submitting images, include photos that are clear and of high resolution
- If details of your work (e.g., texture, color, materials) should be highlighted, include close-up, high-resolution shots of those details
- If submitting audio, include samples that are free of background noise, interference, or a “tin can” sound
- If submitting written samples, include work that is free of misspellings, typos, and grammatical errors
- If submitting video samples, include clips with clear images and sound. Have it cued up to the exact spot you wish reviewers to watch
- Follow the submission requirements (e.g., file size, length of video, number of images/pages)
- Include applicable information (e.g., title, date, dimensions, materials, medium) as requested, then utilize the field “additional details” to share any other information related to the work sample that will strengthen your application
- Look at your work samples as a whole. Is there cohesion? Does your voice/vision come through? Do all of the work samples speak to your strengths as a creative?

### Questions?

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