



2023 Jeff Impact Fellowship Application

Purpose

The Jeff Awards is proud to present the **Jeff Impact Fellowship**, designed to inspire early to mid-career artists of color in the Greater Chicagoland area to pursue artistic excellence. As part of this journey, the Jeff Impact Fellowship will support them in their professional, academic, and/or personal development. This year, the Fellowship will provide two (2) artists with an allocation of \$10,000 each to support their work.

Who is eligible?

Eligible recipients are early to mid-career artists of color who reside in or are based in Chicago or a Chicago suburb and are at least 18 years of age, and have been involved in Chicago theater for at least one (1) year. Eligible persons include actors, directors, stage managers, designers, theater technicians, cabaret artists, playwrights, music directors, theater composers, theater musicians, and improvisational performers.

Timeline for the Fellowship Application Process

- April 1, 2023 – Application Open
- June 30, 2023, at 5:00 pm (CDT) – Applications Due
- September 1, 2023 – Selection of Fellowship Recipients and Final Notification to All Applicants

How the Jeff Impact Fellowship Will Work

In keeping with the mission of the Jeff Awards to recognize theatrical excellence in the Chicagoland area, we encourage applicants to use the Fellowship to step away from conventional ideas for how to approach their work or how they might best pursue their artistic vision. We further ask that applicants are committed to applying the funds from the Fellowship towards continued work as a Chicagoland theatre artist.

The application for the 2023 Jeff Impact Fellowship will be available April 1. Additionally, two (2) letters of recommendation are required, one of which must come from an Artistic Director of a Chicagoland theatre company that has produced theatre in the area for at least two (2) years.

Applicants with questions are encouraged to email John Glover, Chair of the Jeff Awards, at chair@jeffawards.org. A phone conversation with an applicant may be arranged upon request.

Submission Process

- You will be notified once your application has been received. Please allow 24-48 for this response.
- In order for an application to be considered complete, we must receive the two (2) required letters of recommendation. The letters should be submitted by the recommender via email to fellowship@jeffawards.org.
- If you need to provide further documentation to your application, please send those materials to fellowship@jeffawards.org.
- Please title any additional documentation “[Applicant Name] - Jeff Impact Fellowship 2023.”
- The email subject line for any correspondence should read “[Applicant Name] - Jeff Impact Fellowship 2023.”

Applications must be submitted before 5:00 pm (CDT) on Friday, June 30, 2023.