



## **Make-It Springfield Creative Fellowship**

We welcome an application from anyone 16 years of age and up, involved in a new or developing creative pursuit/project across most disciplines including but not limited to:

- Visual Art in any Medium
- Writing
- Fashion Design
- Music
- Composing
- Computer Technology
- Film/Video Art
- Choreography
- Furniture Design
- Costume and Set Design
- Poetry
- Playwriting
- Directing
- Quilting
- Sculpting
- Screenwriting
- Inventing

To give adventurous Creators and Makers the chance to focus on building a creative practice and encourage forward thinking, Make-It Springfield is pleased to add additional support with a \$3,000 stipend—divided over a 10-month period. This award is intended to support a creative vision or voice at any level of artistic development. The Fellow will have unlimited access to the equipment and the artistically vibrant Makerspace in downtown Springfield. In addition, there will be special opportunities to present work-in-progress in a public lecture, display, reading, or performance.

A complete application consists of the following:

1. A proposal in the body of an email or in an attached voice recording. The proposal should describe the applicant's potential project—what you will create or be working on during the Fellowship.  
Example: "I will create a coloring book with futuristic depictions of tomboys to help children re-envision their understanding of gender."
2. Two to four work samples—videos, writing, photographs, or links (YouTube, Google Drive, Dropbox, Website, or other online source). If you would like to provide an explanation for any of the work samples, feel free to attach a description in a PDF document.
3. A short written or recorded biography to help us understand you, your context, your approach, and your inspiration.

All applications must be submitted electronically by the end of the business day on December 31st, 2021.

**Applications must be emailed to: [fellowship@makeitspringfield.org](mailto:fellowship@makeitspringfield.org).**

## **Eligibility**

The Fellowship is open to Creatives and Makers 16 years of age and older. Candidates must be resident of the Greater Springfield area or Hampden County.

## **Review Process**

The Make-It Springfield Fellow will be selected based on the authentic quality of work samples and the potential of the proposed project to be accessible and interesting to a diverse audience. Evidence—such as: a recommendation, number of years doing creative work, or special recognition of the applicant's desire to pursue a creative life—is recommended.

## **Timeline**

### **December 1, 2021:**

Applications are accepted beginning this date.

### **December 31, 2021:**

Application materials are due by 5:00 PM.

### **January 15, 2022:**

Fellows will be selected; all applicants will receive notification of their status on or before this date.

**February 15, 2022 through December 15, 2022:**

Fellows receive an orientation and introduction to Make-It Springfield and perform a self-paced creative process, documenting their work in a variety of ways for inclusion in Make-It Springfield's social media.

**September 30, 2022 through December 15, 2022:**

Creative work is open to the public and should be viewable by the public on or around this period. Talks, workshops, and exhibitions will also be scheduled during this window. The date will be based on the Fellow's availability and preference.

**December 30, 2022:**

Closing date for the 2022 Fellowship and any exhibition or program review. Fellow's final products must be brought to conclusion on or before this date.

**Questions**

Contact Roberta Wilmore at 413-348-0781 or [roberta@makeitspringfield.org](mailto:roberta@makeitspringfield.org).

**Stipend, Benefits & Expectations**

The 2022 Make-It Springfield Fellow will receive a stipend in the amount of \$3,000. Other benefits include full use of the MIS studio, equipment, materials and tools, and some assistance and support from Make-It Springfield staff in a variety of areas. Projects should be offered to the public in innovative ways. It is our hope that instances of engagement with other Fellows and the Make-It Springfield community to encourage learning and/or inspiration in measurable ways will be a rewarding experience for all. Eligibility for the full stipend award requires completing the 10-month process.

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