

## **BORDER ART RESIDENCY**

The Border Art Residency, a non-profit organization affiliated with the El Paso Community Foundation, offers a selected artist a period of retreat for creative work. The BAR is a spacious living/studio space in La Union, New Mexico, located 15 miles from El Paso, Texas, in the scenic Mesilla Valley. Resident artists are provided with a fully furnished living/working space, all utilities (except phone), and a monthly stipend of \$600.

The next open residency period is from August 1, 2016, to May 31, 2017. **Applications will be accepted until January 15, 2016;** the selected artist will be notified by May 2016. It is advisable to contact us again nearer the application period to receive information.

We encourage potential residents to visit the BAR if possible. La Union is a small village on the historic Don Juan de Onate Trail, halfway between El Paso, Texas, and Las Cruces, New Mexico. The nearest post office, grocery, hardware store, library, entertainment, and other conveniences are at least five miles away. Transportation to, from, and during the residency period is important and must be provided by the resident.

Some residents find it necessary to supplement the stipend with part-time work. While we cannot guarantee employment, we are happy to provide the names of department chairs at area universities and community colleges for those who qualify for college teaching.

The BAR occupies the upper floor of a converted cotton gin. While it is very comfortable and spacious, the space is not accessible to those with physical disabilities. No children or pets are allowed in the space (except for short visits), and we request that artists and guests refrain from smoking indoors. The loft is furnished with a washer and dryer, a television, kitchen and dining utensils, and other basic necessities. Residents must provide their own linens.

The BAR differs from many artist residency programs since it is designed for a single artist (or couple) in a remote and unique locale near the US/Mexico border. It is best suited to a self-sufficient individual who seeks a period of quiet and solitude for serious artistic inquiry and production. The selection is made by a panel of nationally recognized artists and arts professionals.

We request application materials be sent as via email to [info@borderartresidency.com](mailto:info@borderartresidency.com)

The \$40 application fee can be paid on-line by clicking the “Donate” button on the Border Art Residency web page. This will take you to the El Paso Community Foundation website. Click on “Give Today.” Select “Yes” for gift to a particular fund or project, and type in “BAR Fee” complete the information and click on the “Submit” button.

You can also mail a check to:  
El Paso Community Foundation  
Border Art Residency  
P.O. Box 272  
El Paso, TX 79943-0272

or call 915.533.4020.

**BORDER ART RESIDENCY APPLICATION**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

The selection committee considers email attachments including résumé (PDF), a brief statement of intent (PDF file) and images. Two personal references are required to help the BAR identify artists who are best suited for this unique residency. Email to [info@borderartresidency.com](mailto:info@borderartresidency.com)

REFERENCES:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

- Checklist:
- \_\_\_\_\_ application fee
  - \_\_\_\_\_ application form
  - \_\_\_\_\_ résumé
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 10 images (jpg) with explanation list
  - \_\_\_\_\_ statement of purpose/expectations for residency

Calendar:      January 15, 2016      Application Deadline  
                    May 15, 2016              Notification  
                    August 1, 2016              Residency period begins

Application fee of \$40 can be paid on-line or mail to:  
El Paso Community Foundation  
c/o Border Art Residency  
P.O. Box 272  
El Paso, TX 79943-0272