

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 in a living/ studio space located at 801 Piedras in the heart of El Paso, Texas. Resident artists are provided with a fully furnished living/working space, a monthly stipend of \$600, and all utilities paid (except phone and Internet). The living space is a fully furnished 11' x 16' (approximately) studio apartment.

The next open residency period is from **April 1, 2026, to August 15, 2026**. Applications will be accepted until **February 13, 2026**. The selected artist will be notified by March 1, 2026.

Resident artists are expected to move into the Border Art Residency between April 1st and 5th. Resident artists are expected to attend one event during the residency to support efforts by the Board of Directors to raise funds and promote the Border Art Residency. The specific dates for these events will be provided ahead of time. While resident artists are not required to produce work during the residency, the BAR encourages any opportunity to showcase their work through an event or exhibition. The BAR will support the resident by assisting in event coordination and planning.

No pets are allowed in the space, and we request that artists and guests refrain from smoking indoors.

Through a partnership with **Philosophic Systems Institute (PSI)**, which provides empowering transformational learning for a more just society, visiting border artists will be able to share their art and thinking process, and stimulate dialogue with learners in the El Paso area. The PSI process centers around philosophy and the arts and is defined by effective collaborations and responsive design within programs that lead to sustained, systemic change in our communities. PSI collaborates with artists and participating schools or cultural organizations. It will help the residency artist connect to the El Paso community by sharing how they see, hear, and feel our experiences with empathy, criticality, and nuance. PSI has many programs to choose from based on your interest and has worked with the El Paso Museum of Art, UTEP's Centennial Museum and Chihuahuan Desert Gardens, Rio Bosque Wetlands Park, elementary schools, and well as the federal prison system. Their programs include Shadows to Light, a federal re-entry and diversion program; Lightstream, a full-support program for teens who have been involved with the juvenile justice system; Artstream, a transformative learning program in partnership with public elementary school classrooms; and TLCs, community-centered youth development opportunities for juveniles and younger children within El Paso's public housing communities.

Selection is made by a panel of nationally recognized artists and arts professionals. Because the selection committee members are far removed from each other, we request that the application be submitted digitally via email. The selected applicant will be required to complete a background check in compliance with the Landlord's criteria. The BAR will cover any associated costs.

We request application materials be sent via email to theborderartresidency@gmail.com. The \$40 application fee can be paid online [here](#) or by clicking the "Donate" button on the [Border Art Residency](#) web page. This will take you to the El Paso Community Foundation website. Fill out the form with your credit card information—and be sure to type in the correct application fee amount of \$40 into the donation box and click the "Submit" button.

Please note that by submitting an application, you agree to comply with all terms stated above, including dates by which you will arrive at the Border Art Residency.

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

Questions? Call 915-401-4018 and ask for Maya Sanchez.

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 theborderartresidency@gmail.com.

Please submit all materials in a single PDF document.

Checklist:

- _____ Application fee
- _____ Application form
- _____ Résumé
- _____ 10 images with an explanation list
- _____ Statement of purpose/expectations for residency

Calendar:	February 13, 2026	Application Deadline
	March 1, 2026	Notification
	April 1, 2026	Residency period begins

Application fee of \$40 can be paid [online](#) or mail to:

El Paso Community Foundation
PO Box 272
El Paso, TX 79943-0272
Memo Line: Border Art Residency Application Fee

FAQ's

1. What kind of artists should apply?
 - a. While we appreciate all art, the physical gallery/studio space is limited and we do not have the tools needed for woodwork, ceramics, etc. Our preference is for artists who can produce works that can be displayed on walls with minimal equipment.
2. Do I have to produce work during the residency?
 - a. We would like to provide you the opportunity to showcase any pieces you make during your stay, but there is no mandate to produce work.
3. How do I get around?
 - a. The BAR apartment is located next to a Sun Metro bus station that can help with getting around the city. Travel to and from the airport at the beginning/end of your residency can be arranged with the BAR staff liaison.
4. Are El Paso and the neighborhood around the BAR safe?
 - a. El Paso has been historically named one of the safest cities in the country and the BAR is located across the street from a police station.
5. Can I sell my work while being at the Residency?
 - a. You can sell work during your residency. We ask that if you produce work to sell you do an end-of-residency show and that you let us know so we can assist with any tax implications. The BAR does not take a "gallery fee" or mandate a portion of sales as a donation so you are free to set the value of your work.