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# JOPLIN ARTS FEST

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## **BIPOC Artist Scholarship (Est. 2022)**

- **Purpose:** The Joplin Arts Fest committee recognizes the systemic and structural racism that permeates the arts, and seeks to lift up perspectives that are often left unheard due to a historic lack of access. The purpose of Joplin Arts Fest BIPOC Scholarship is to remove potential barriers to entry and encourage artists who identify as Black, Indigenous, or a Person of Color (BIPOC) to apply for Joplin Arts Fest, an annual, juried fine arts festival held each September in Joplin, Missouri.
- **Eligibility:** Applicants must identify as Black, Indigenous, or a Person of Color. Preference will be given to applicants from the four-state area (Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas).
- **What does the scholarship include?** The scholarship provides \$500 to the awardee to cover, or help cover, the cost of participating in the festival. For example, booth fee, food, gas, setup, lodging, etc.
- **Who will get one and who decides?** One BIPOC identifying individual will be awarded the scholarship each year. Joplin Arts Fest jurors will determine which of the applicants receives the scholarship.
- **How to apply?** When applying, use code **JAFSC** to waive the application fee and indicate that you are applying for the BIPOC scholarship and we'll take it from there!

Link to 2024 application: <https://www.zapplication.org/event-info.php?ID=12207>