



# Oglala Sioux Tribe Artist Laureate

## **Calling All Oglala Lakota Artists**

The Oglala Sioux Tribe (OST) recognizes the importance of the arts in the development and enrichment of our members, communities, and our Nation. The inaugural OST Artist Laureate Awardee will serve as a cultural ambassador and advocate for the arts on the Pine Ridge Reservation for the 2022-2024 Star Comes Out/Mousseau Administration. During this time the OST Artist Laureate will inspire the significance of the arts in the Oglala Lakota Nation through exhibits, pieces, performances, presentations, and service. Funding in the amount of \$10,000 for the inaugural OST Artist Laureate is made possible by First People's Fund.

The OST Artist Laureate Award will be provided access, recognition, and a stipend of \$10,000 in support of the artist. The award will recognize artistic excellence, support the continuing development of the artist's work, and spotlight the important role individual artists play in contributing to a vibrant, equitable and healthy community, enriching the Pine Ridge Reservation's creative economy, and positively impacting the quality of life for people of all ages.

## **Expectations of the Artist Laureate**

- Advocate for the arts across disciplines within the Pine Ridge Reservation community.
- Create original artwork, exhibit/perform/engage with the public.
- Create a winter count for the Oglala Sioux Tribe using the medium of the artists choice.
- Foster opportunities for arts learning.
- Develop a workplan that addresses the goals of the program and make presentations.
- Plan events/programs, engage in activities that promote the arts on the Pine Ridge Reservation, and attend community events
- Liaise and partner with the Oglala Sioux Tribe including all tribal grant schools, charters, and programs, Pine Ridge Reservation community groups, and non-profit organizations.

## **Artist Eligibility**

- Work in one of three arts disciplines:
  - Fine and Visual Arts: including 2-Dimensional, 3-Dimensional, and Digital Art
  - Performing Arts: including Dance, Theatre, Spoken Word, and Music

- Literary Arts: including Poetry, Novels, Essays, Stage Plays, and Screenplays
- An enrolled member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe
- At least 18 years old at the time of the application deadline
- Exhibited/performed/presented/published artistic work within the last 2 years

## **How To Apply**

The application deadline is June 30, 2023.

- A complete application including ALL required materials must be confirmed received by deadline: June 30, 2023, 11:59 PM MST.
  - Resume or CV
  - At least three (3) work samples (artist must be the principal or sole creator/performer/author)
  - At least two (2) letters of recommendation
- Finalists must be available to interview with the Oglala Sioux Tribe Executive Committee in July 2023.

The Oglala Sioux Tribe (OST) Executive Committee will make recommendations to the OST Education Committee based on the interviews. The OST Education Committee will approve an applicant recommended by the OST Executive Committee and forward the approved recommendation to the Oglala Sioux Tribal Council, whom will appoint the inaugural OST Artist Laureate at the July 2023 Regular Council Meeting.

## **Review Criteria**

### **Artistic Quality 40%**

Artistic quality, originality, and uniqueness of work, as demonstrated through work samples and artist statement

### **Community Impact 35%**

Potential impact within the Pine Ridge Reservation of proposed arts engagement, as demonstrated through artist statement, recommendations, and finalist interview  
Includes ability to promote the arts across disciplines, demonstrated ability for practical collaboration, and outreach

### **Artistic Activities 15%**

Record of artistic activities and achievements, as demonstrated by recognition received and in recommendations and artist resume/cv

### **Representation of Oglala Lakota Culture 10%**

Representation of Oglala Lakota culture in artistic activities, and proposed arts engagement, as demonstrated through work samples, artist resume, artist statement, and finalist interview

## **Important Dates (subject to change)**

- May 20, 2023: Oglala Sioux Tribe Artist Laureate applications released
- June 30, 2023, 11:59 PM: Online applications, letters of reference, and other supporting documents due to the Oglala Sioux Tribe
- July 2023: Finalist applicant interviews with Oglala Sioux Tribe Executive Committee
- July 2023: Oglala Sioux Tribe Executive Committee makes recommendations to Education Committee for approval
- July 2023 Regular Council Meeting: Oglala Sioux Tribe appoints Artist Laureate
- August 1, 2023: Official announcement of appointment
- August 1, 2023 – December 3, 2024: Term of Oglala Sioux Tribe Artist Laureate

## **Questions?**

- Contact Oglala Sioux Tribe Vice President's Office at [ostvp@oglala.org](mailto:ostvp@oglala.org) or (605)407-3020 or (605)484-3625.