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**KADIR NELSON INSTITUTE FOR YOUNG AND EMERGING ARTISTS (KNIYEA)**, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, is looking for the best and brightest from around the globe to participate in a competitive, all-expenses paid, two-week **Summer Art Intensive Academy** led by world-renowned artist and author, Kadir Nelson, and award-winning educator and socialpreneur, Dr. Jungmiwha Bullock N.

The KNIYEA Summer Art Intensive Academy 2026 is for serious college-aged artists between the ages of 17 - 22 who will learn the fundamentals of storytelling, oil painting, and best art business practices to compete in the global market. Rising high school seniors and recent college graduates are eligible to apply, however, enrollment in college is not necessary. This competitive academy includes hands-on art and business instruction, studio art, field trips, special guest lectures, and a culminating group exhibition.

All-expenses includes round trip airfare (or mileage reimbursement), ground transportation, hotel accommodations, meals, studio space, supplies, and modest stipends. The Academy takes place in Southern California.

**KNIYEA Summer Art Intensive Academy**

**JULY 25 - AUGUST 8, 2026**

**Application Deadline: May 22, 2026**

**APPLY NOW. Space is Limited.**



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### SUMMER ART INTENSIVE ACADEMY 2026 | APPLICATION GUIDELINES

#### HOW TO APPLY:

Applications Open: Friday, April 24, 2026 (12:00 AM Pacific Standard Time)

Submission Deadline: Friday, May 22, 2026 (11:59 PM Pacific Standard Time)

Eligibility Form: All applicants must complete the eligibility form at the start of the application.

*\*NOTE: Late applications will NOT be accepted under any circumstances, including technical issues. Please plan ahead.*

#### APPLICATIONS MUST INCLUDE:

- Completed Application Form
- Statement of Interest
- Artist Resume
- Requested Portfolio (detailed in application)
- Three (3) References (contact information only - no formal letters required)
- \$50 Non-Refundable Application Fee

#### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The KNIYEA Summer Art Intensive Academy 2026 is currently open to "college-aged applicants" between the ages of 17 - 22 (rising high school seniors and recent college graduates are eligible to apply).

Applicants DO NOT need to be enrolled in a current degree granting institution to apply.  
Raw talent will be equally considered.

Prior experience with oil painting or business is not required,  
but a serious desire to learn new techniques and to pursue a potential future in the arts is a must.

All eligible artists are strongly encouraged to apply, including those individuals requiring accommodations (examples: ASL translators, foreign language, accessibility, etc.).

#### QUESTIONS

Should you have any questions, please reach out to the program at [info@kadirnelsoninstitute.org](mailto:info@kadirnelsoninstitute.org) as soon as possible. Due to volume, we will not prioritize questions that are already answered or detailed in program materials.

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**Kadir Nelson Institute for Young and Emerging Artists, Inc. (KNIYEA)** is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to nurturing and empowering aspiring artists across the lifespan through education, mentorship, and opportunity. Your generous support helps us inspire creativity and build a brighter future for young and emerging talents.



*FROM THE ARCHIVES: Kadir Nelson and Dr. Jungmiwha Bullock N. host a Master class pilot program at the former University of the Arts, Philadelphia in 2018 with a select group of talented illustration majors*

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