

Key West Art Center, Inc.

Applications must be submitted by Friday, January 16, 2026

Exhibiting Artist Membership: Application Process

Since its inception in 1960, the Key West Art Center (KWAC) has been a nonprofit membership organization. In addition to the privilege of exhibiting and selling your artwork in the gallery, members are expected to support the goals of the Art Center as a community arts organization providing resources for artists of all ages through exhibits, classes, lectures, artist demonstrations and special events. Beyond paying dues, an important requirement of membership is an appreciation of the Art Center's goals and participation in its activities.

Requirement to apply: The only requirement to apply for membership is that you are a permanent resident of Monroe County, Florida. Proof of residency must accompany your application.

Accepted mediums: All work must be fine art or fine crafts; no photography or digital art.

KWAC Artist Members are required to:

- Follow the Gallery Rules - BE SURE TO READ BEFORE YOU APPLY.
- Pay annual membership dues (\$200 for 2026) by January of each year.
- Take an active role by performing 12 Service Hours a year. Any hours not served by the end of the year are billed at a rate of \$25/hour. You may buy-out your hours (\$300 in 2026) at any time in the calendar year.

About the Jury Process:

- The Jury Committee is made up of a revolving group of three artist members who have successfully exhibited at KWAC for at least 2 years.
- The jury will review three examples of the work you want to exhibit. High quality photos of pieces must be emailed to info@keywestartcenter.com. *
- Please know that the jury process is dependent upon many factors, and being invited or not being invited to become a member is based, not only upon the talent of the artist, but upon the needs of the Art Center membership at the time of the jury. Factors such as the number of current members in a given medium or style, or even space available for hanging can all play a part in the decision.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- You will be notified of jury result within a few days of the review. If you are offered membership, you will need to bring in a minimum of 3 ready to exhibit pieces; 2-dimensional pieces must be framed and ready to hang in accordance with the Gallery Rules; 3-dimensional pieces must have appropriate stands or support.*

If you have any questions please contact

Christina Joy, Executive Director Info@KeyWestArtCenter.com (305) 294-1241

*Please Note: Approval based on photos is provisional and may be reconsidered if the delivered artwork differs significantly

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EXHIBITING ARTIST MEMBER APPLICATION

Full Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

You must attach the following with this application:

- Your Resume and an Artist's Statement
- Proof of Monroe County permanent residency, i.e. Monroe County Driver's License or Homestead Exception

Submit 3 pieces of artwork, per medium

- Email high resolution photos to info@keywestartcenter.com. Please call to confirm they were received.

What is your medium? Please check *all* that apply.

oil watercolor acrylic pastel other 2-dimensional sculpture other 3-dimensional

Important note: if you apply for and are juried-in for only one medium you may only exhibit/sell that medium. You may, however, apply to a future jury for an additional medium.

Describe your work in more detail.

You are encouraged to attach any other information about your art, art education, experience, background, recent awards, exhibitions, etc. that you feel may be helpful.

Please list 2 references, preferably other KWAC members, and/or other professional organizations or galleries with whom you have worked.

Reference #1

Contact Name: _____

Relevance to your work as an artist _____

Phone _____ and/or Email _____

Reference #2

Contact Name: _____

Relevance to your work as an artist _____

Phone _____ and/or Email _____

I have read and agree to abide by the Gallery Rules for the Key West Art Center, Inc. I absolve the Key West Art Center and its representatives of any and all responsibility for loss or damage to any of my work submitted to the jury or submitted for exhibition in the Gallery.

Signature _____ Date _____