We are excited to announce that we have created an opportunity for young Appalachian artists in Beckley and Southern WV to explore contemporary social justice topics through art. Beckley Art Center's new youth artist-in residence program will ask the young participants to work with mentors, who are professional artists and community leaders, to create a performance that addresses current social issues though theatre, dance, music, **and/or** film.

The residency is 8 weeks long and culminates in a production created by the group of young artists. The participants are asked to apply by January **25**. We will accept up to 10 young artists, ages 14-20 years old. Each artist will receive a stipend of $100 for participating. The artists will have an opportunity to create a new work of art, work with professional artists and learn the process of producing a work of art.

For more information, please send a message to performingarts@beckleyartcenter.com.

If you would like to apply, please complete the steps below.

To apply:

- Complete this form with this link, https://forms.gle/HNLUawK9Fy1ym7RA9.
- Write or record a statement of intent and send it to performingarts@beckleyartcenter.com. Video recordings should be 3 to 10 minutes long, written statements should be 200 – 1000 words.
- Submit a recommendation from a teacher, mentor, artist, community leader, etc. This recommendation can be via letter, email, or a scheduled phone call. If by phone, please provide the phone number.