

Early Career Artist Program

ECAP + Event Application Step-by-Step Guide

Interested in applying for the Early Career Artist Program and also participating in our ACC events and marketplaces, but unsure how or where to start? We have a step-by-step guide to help you out!

Step 1: Become an ACC Member!

- Becoming an ACC member has a number of super cool benefits, including access to our *free* Early Career Artist Program application and discounts on event application fees.
- You can check out all of our membership levels, benefits, and options [here](#).
- Skip this step if you are already a current ACC member.
- Don't know if you are a current ACC member? We can help you check your status, just email us at membership@craftcouncil.org.

Step 2: Apply for the Early Career Artist Program!

- Visit the [Early Career Artist Program](#) page on our website and log in as an ACC member.
Important Note: Please allow at least one day between becoming a new member and submitting your application for this program. Our system needs time to process your membership.
- Click the "Apply Now" button to access the application, fill it out, and submit!
- You'll hear back on your application status within 7 business days.

Step 3: Apply for an [Event or Opportunity](#)!

- Once you are officially accepted into the Early Career Artist Program, you can go ahead and apply to the specific event opportunity that you're interested in. Within the event application, there should be a field to indicate if you are a current member of the Early Career Artist Program. Don't forget to check that box to be considered for subsidized booths!
*Important Note: If you are applying to ACC's Baltimore fair, you do **not** have to wait on submitting your Baltimore application until after you've been accepted to the Early Career Artist Program. You CAN submit both applications at the same time. In that case, please still check the ECAP box on the Baltimore application. If by chance, you are not accepted into the Early Career Artist Program, we will simply move you to the main pool of Baltimore applicants.*

For additional questions regarding the Early Career Artist Program, hit up programs manager Rachel Messerich at rmesserich@craftcouncil.org.

For additional questions regarding our events, marketplaces, and opportunities, please direct your inquiries to shows@craftcouncil.org.