



The State University of **New York** and  
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## THAYER *in the* FELLOWSHIP **Arts** PATRICIA KERR ROSS AWARD



*Application Deadline*  
**FEBRUARY 23, 2022**

**THAYER FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM/  
PATRICIA KERR ROSS AWARD**

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# THE THAYER FELLOWSHIP IN THE ARTS

## THE PATRICIA KERR ROSS AWARD

The Thayer Fellowship and the Patricia Kerr Ross Award are given each year to outstanding candidates for graduation from The State University of New York, funded through endowments established in honor of **Jeanne C. Thayer**, Trustee of SUNY from 1974-1984, and **Patricia Kerr Ross**, former Artistic Director of the Thayer Fellowship. The Ross Award is administered by the New York Foundation for the Arts.

These Fellowships are intended to provide post-graduate support for SUNY students pursuing careers in the creative and performing arts.

The awards may be used for, but not limited to, auditions, studio space, supplies, equipment, website development, rent, recording sessions, and publishing costs.

Two Thayer Fellowships of \$7,000 each may be given to one individual or divided between two outstanding candidates. The Fellowship selection is based on talent, achievement, and potential as a professional artist. The Ross Award of \$1,000 is given annually to an individual or divided among two exceptional applicants. The basis for this award is excellence, originality, and promise. The awards are available to seniors and graduate students in the arts who are about to graduate from the University and make a career in the arts. They are not intended for students going on to graduate school.

### FOR YOUR APPLICATION

**Only one application is required to be automatically considered for both awards.**

- 1 Please visit [www.suny.edu/systemartprograms](http://www.suny.edu/systemartprograms) to apply
- 2 On the application, you will be required to provide a statement about the career you envision in the arts. You will also be asked for contact information, a resume, examples of your work, and letters of support from two sponsors.
- 3 The deadline for applications is February 23, 2022. No exceptions or extensions.

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### ELIGIBILITY

#### Applicants must be:

- Currently enrolled in the State University of New York
- A candidate for graduation from SUNY in 2022 at any level:
  - Associates
  - Bachelors
  - Masters
  - Doctoral
- In one of the following creative or performing arts:
  - Dance
  - Music
  - Theatre
  - Creative Writing
  - Visual arts
  - Film

### SELECTION OF THAYER FELLOWS AND ROSS AWARDEES

Applications will be reviewed by a panel composed of non-SUNY professionals in the applicant's field. Final decisions will be made through audition and interview with the Thayer/Ross Panel. The Fellowship and Award will be made in the spring.

The Thayer Fellowships were established for The State University of New York by Walter N. Thayer, in honor of his wife Jeanne C. Thayer, who was a trustee of SUNY from 1974 to 1984. During that time, she was the liaison trustee to the University-wide Committee on the Arts and helped plan and implement many projects in the visual and performing arts. She was a leader in New York City's museum and gallery world and was active as well in historic preservation.

The Ross Award is administered by the New York Foundation for the Arts, which serves individual artists, promotes their freedom to develop and create, and provides the broader public with opportunities to experience and understand their work. NYFA accomplishes this by offering financial and informational assistance to artists and arts organizations by supporting arts programming in the schools and local communities, and by building collaborative relationships with others who advocate for the arts in New York State and throughout the country.



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