

Media Grants, September 2025

Spike Johnson

ViewSonic

ColorPro Awards

First prize \$5,000.

September 20th deadline.

The ColorPro Awards is an international visual art contest designed to spotlight bold ideas and amplify creative voices. It offers photographers, videographers, and digital artists a stage to share their vision, connect with a global creative community, and gain recognition that flows far beyond the frame.

Win ColorPro monitors, creative gear, and software—plus \$5,000 cash for top photography and videography entries.

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The Bob and Diane Fund

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Grants of \$5,000.

September 21st deadline.

The Bob and Diane Fund seeks submissions from visual storytellers on stories about Alzheimer's Disease or dementia. They are looking for projects that need support to complete, publish or exhibit. These can be intimate stories of loss, as well as those that point out the urgency of a growing medical crisis for Alzheimer's and/or dementia.

The Bob and Diane Fund offers grants of \$5,000.

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Maine Media

The Arnold Newman Prize

First prize \$20,000.

September 22nd deadline.

Arnold Newman had an insatiable fascination with people and the physical world around him. In his work, he constantly explored the boundaries of portraiture and embodied the spirit of artistic innovation. He was also a passionate teacher—he taught at Maine Media every summer for over 30 years. In honor of Arnold's legacy as both a photographer and mentor, The Arnold Newman Prize for New Directions in Photographic Portraiture recognizes excellence in a new generation of photographers by awarding \$20,000 to a winning photographer and elevating the work of the winner and three finalists in the press and through an exhibition at the Griffin Museum of Photography.

The Arnold Newman Prize for New Directions in Photographic Portraiture is a \$20,000 prize awarded annually to a photographer whose work demonstrates a compelling new vision in photographic portraiture. The jury will select a Top Ten, from which the winner and three finalists will be chosen. The three finalists receive a \$500 stipend each. All artists recognized in the Top Ten will be included in the online exhibitions hosted by Maine Media and the Griffin Museum of Photography.

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Foundwork

The Foundwork Artist Prize

Grants of \$10,000.

September 26th deadline.

The Foundwork Artist Prize is an annual juried award started in 2019 to recognize outstanding emerging and mid-career artists working in any media.

Honorees receive unrestricted \$10,000 grants and studio visits with jurors who include acclaimed curators, gallerists, and artists. In addition to the honoree, three artists per year are also named on the short list. The Prize is open to artists worldwide.

[Details here >>](#)

Northwest Film Forum

The Lynn Shelton Grant

Grants of \$25,000.

September 27th deadline.

The Lynn Shelton "Of a Certain Age" Grant is a project-based award that provides \$25,000 to an individual woman, non-binary, and/or transgender U.S. filmmaker, age 39 or older, who is working on their first narrative feature (65 minutes or over) as a director. This grant seeks to recognize a film director for their distinct vision, storytelling, and singularity.

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Midway Contemporary Art

The Visual Arts Fund

Grants of \$10,000.

September 27th deadline.

The Visual Arts Fund is a grant program established in 2016 by Midway Contemporary Art with generous support from The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts. Minneapolis–Saint Paul is one of thirty-nine cities and regions included in Warhol's Regional Regranting Program, which is aimed at promoting vibrant artistic activity in cities across the United States and Puerto Rico.

In 2025 the Visual Arts Fund will award six \$10,000 grants to artist organized projects in the Twin Cities metro region. Proposals must name a lead organizer, but can include any number of artists as collaborators; individuals or groups may apply. The VAF supports the development of projects and initiatives that engage the public with visual art and seeks to support a wide array of innovative and diverse projects that otherwise might not occur.

[Details here >>](#)

Investigative Reporters & Editors

The Freelance Fellowship

Grants of \$4,000.

September 29th deadline.

The Freelance Fellowships are awarded for nonfiction project proposals which demonstrate impact, breadth and significance. Proposals for books, documentaries, cable series and other long-form projects are eligible. They also accept proposals for shorter term work such as video or audio projects for broadcast or online sites, articles for newspapers, magazines, online sites and niche news publications, among others. The Fellowship is intended to support work that will be primarily published or broadcast in the U.S. and in outlets where the primary audience will be at least a part of the American public. \$4,000 for long-term projects. \$2,000 for short-term projects.

[Details here >>](#)

BAVC Media

The MediaMaker Fellowship

Grants of \$10,000.

September 29th deadline.

The MediaMaker Fellowship is devoted to supporting documentary filmmakers using bold cinematic language and innovative impact strategies to grapple with critical issues of our time.

This ten-month-long program supports the development of documentary projects that are nearing post-production, and includes \$10,000 distributed to each Fellow over the course of the Fellowship, plus additional travel per diems.

[Details here >>](#)

The Luxembourg Art Prize

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First prize, €20,000.

September 30th deadline.

The Luxembourg Art Prize aims to reveal and promote talented artists who have yet to establish a profile on the contemporary international scene. It is open to any artist, amateur or professional, with no limits on age, nationality or place of residence.

The first place winner of the Luxembourg Art Prize receives €20,000.

[Details here >>](#)

National Press Foundation

The Freddie Award

Grants of \$5,000.

September 30th deadline.

In 2010, the National Press Foundation established The Freddie Award to recognize outstanding reporting about the impact of federal laws and regulations on local communities. It is open to any U.S.-based journalist whose work represents the highest standards of journalism.

The award includes a cash prize of \$5,000.

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National Press Foundation

The Hinrich Foundation

Grants of \$10,000.

September 30th deadline.

The Hinrich Foundation Award for Distinguished Reporting on Trade recognizes exemplary journalism that illuminates and advances the public's understanding of international business and trade. The award is open to any professional journalist worldwide whose work exemplifies

the highest standards of journalism and is published by a reputable news organization. This includes print, broadcast and digital journalists.

This award carries a \$10,000 prize.

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