

EUREKA SPRINGS SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

2026 Summer Painting & Drawing Residency Details

The Eureka Springs School of the Arts is looking for emerging and established painting and drawing artists who are seeking focused time to refine their abilities, enrich their creative journey, experiment with new techniques, and/or complete existing project(s).

This is an opportunity to be inspired by the Ozark Mountains' incredible natural beauty and unique culture. ESSA is within 5 miles of the renowned artist community of Eureka Springs, Arkansas. Our campus offers world class facilities and comfortable private lodging tucked peacefully away from the distractions of the outside world. This is also a chance to enjoy fellowship with other artists in residence, visiting instructors, and members of the creative community on campus and beyond.

Experience in painting or drawing is required, and the residency will be awarded based on a review of all completed applications. It is anticipated that the selected resident will use their invaluable time at ESSA in creative research, experimentation, and dedicated studio practice.

Dates: June 27 to July 24, 2026, with a required orientation on June 27, 2026

Residency Details

- Residency will span 4 weeks.
- Applications are due by March 15, 2026, by 5 pm (CST). Notifications will be made by March 31, 2026.
- 1 participant will be selected.
- Residency fee is \$1200 for 4 weeks and includes lodging on the ESSA campus. Selected resident is responsible for their own transportation and food costs.
- ESSA will provide on-campus lodging with a private room and bath, kitchenette with microwave, refrigerator/freezer, coffee maker, and wi-fi. The resident will also have shared access to the Commons House, which includes a full kitchen, gathering area, and deck.
- Resident will have 24-hour access to the ESSA's Peine Studio, which will be the resident's private, unshared studio space for the duration of the residency.
- Resident will also have access to the shared Commons House which provides space for socialization, meal preparation and relaxation.
- Resident will be required to attend an orientation with the ESSA Studio Coordinator at the beginning of the residency before their work in the studio begins.
- Materials in terms of paint and canvas are not included and will be at the participant's cost.
- Resident can choose to have a visitors day where community members can come to engage with the artist and watch them work.
- Resident is asked to be a part of the ESSA campus during their stay by engaging with staff, instructors, students, and other visitors to campus.