



Jackson County Green Energy Park

401 Grindstaff Cove Rd
Sylva, NC 28779
(828) 631-0271
www.jcgep.org

Thank you for your interest in applying for a one-year residency at the Jackson County Green Energy Park (JCGEP).

Enclosed you will find the following:

1. Recommendation Form: Applicants should submit 3. References should be professional/arts related (such as instructor, gallery owner, artist you apprenticed with, etc.).
2. Jury Selection Rubric – for your information
3. Resident Application form: Required for all applicants.

General Information about being a Resident:

JCGEP is a business incubator that uses methane from the Dillsboro landfill to support emerging arts businesses. Artists apply for a one-year residency with JCGEP, renewable up to two additional years pending a juried re-evaluation process. Residents pay a studio rent of \$400.00 per month, which, after safety training, will include use of the forges, foundry, plasma cutter, fly wheel press, wire-feed and arc welders, torches, and other metal-working equipment. Rent will also include shared use of methane gas (used as fuel for forges and foundry), studio space, professional development including assistance with business classes, and inclusion in Green Energy Park marketing. Rent does not include electricity, water, telephone, housing, or meals. Residents will be expected to provide their own hand tools and all raw materials and consumables, except when they are creating a project for the park. Residents of JCGEP share in a rotating studio schedule during hours in which the park is open to the public, as well as assist with tours, workshops, and onsite classes. Residents are encouraged to sell their crafts from the park. Each artist is expected to create one piece during their residency that will remain with the park as an historic record of the participants in the program. Residents will be asked to sign a waiver assuming all liability for use of the forges and other equipment. Although the park is insured, each artist's artwork, inventory and personal equipment are not insured through JCGEP.

JCGEP is a County-run facility. Therefore additional responsibilities include: following the Park and/or the County's rules and guidelines; maintaining a clean and safe workspace at all times; maintaining a respectable appearance and demeanor when interfacing with the public; and maintaining a good working relationship with park staff and other residents.

Each application should include:

- Completed application questionnaire, either in narrative or question/answer format
- 10-20 numbered images of your work on a non-returnable CD or DVD
- Numbered image reference sheet that includes titles, dates, media, and dimensions
- Current resume'
- 3 recommendation forms (mailed or emailed directly from reference)





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Applications should be mailed or emailed to:

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Phone/Fax 828-631-0271
info@jcgep.org

Allow 2-4 weeks for processing. If you email your submission, please contact us by phone to alert us to look for the application.

Do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions about the application process. Thank you for your interest in our residency program.

Sincerely,

Timm Muth
Director
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RECOMMENDATION FORM FOR PROSPECTIVE RESIDENT ARTISTS

Please email to info@jcgep.org, or mail directly to:
Jackson County Green Energy Park, 401 Grindstaff Cove Rd., Sylva, NC 28779

Applicant's Name: _____

Recommending Person: _____

Telephone/email address: _____

Relationship to Applicant/Years Known: _____

Please feel free to use the back of this form or additional/other paper as necessary:

1. A successful residency at the Jackson County Green Energy Park (hereafter referred to as JCGEP) requires an artist who is self-motivated and has a strong work ethic. Please provide information that will help quantify these attributes of the candidate.
2. JCGEP uses modified natural gas and/or propane appliances that run on the landfill methane. What degree of technical knowledge/experience does the applicant have in the use of gas-powered appliances.
3. The artists at JCGEP share space and equipment and have frequent interaction with the public. In what ways has the applicant demonstrated a cooperative nature, sense of responsibility, and ability to share his/her knowledge?
4. Please comment on the artistic and/or technical abilities of the applicant. What makes him/her stand out as a candidate for the residency at JCGEP?
5. Any other pertinent comments about the applicant:





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Resident Selection Rubric/Jury Guidelines

Date: _____

Applicant: _____

Following are the criteria with which to evaluate the application. Please score each item as follows, and feel free to give comments liberally (use back of form if necessary). We will be presenting comments anonymously to applicants as feedback.

A higher score indicates the candidate excels at meeting criteria

A lower score indicates the candidate is below average or does not meet criteria

_____ (0-20 points) Candidate has relative experience and/or shows great promise in developing a successful business - i.e. applicant submits his/her ideas for a rough business plan, has taken business courses, has experience being represented by galleries, has some current or past customers to draw experience from, has plans for a workable product line, etc.

_____ (0-15 points) Candidate's quality of work matches his/her years of experience

_____ (0-15 points) Candidate has sound training and/or experience.

_____ (0-10 points) Candidate's recommendations speak to an exemplary work ethic.

_____ (0-10 points) Candidates work exhibits artistic merit.

_____ (0-10 points) Candidate has a background and demonstrated experience in equipment usage, upkeep and maintenance.

_____ (0-10 points) Candidate appears to adapt well to community environment and/or is a team player.

_____ (0-5 points) Candidate is likely to stay in Western North Carolina at end of residency and/or is currently a Jackson Co or WNC resident. (For the purpose of local economic development grants and initiatives)

_____ (0-5 points) Candidate addresses alternative energy/conservation practices.

Total of all above criteria





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Industrial Arts Residency Application Form

Applicant's Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone/email address: _____

Application Questionnaire: (feel free to use additional space to answer questions)

1. Please describe your experience in industrial arts, including number of years you have been an artist.
2. Describe the nature of your work. What are your materials, themes, ideas?
3. Does your work correspond in any way with the goals and/or mission of JCGEP?
4. What were the methods by which you learned your craft? Please be specific. (Apprenticing, four-year degreed program, self-taught, work-study, etc.)
5. A successful residency at the JCGEP requires an artist who is self-motivated and who has a strong work ethic. Please describe yourself in these areas and/or refer to specific examples or experiences from your resume'.
6. Are you actively working as a metals artist at this time? Comment on recent work you have had in shows or galleries, as well as any commissioned or production work you have produced, especially as relevant to this residency.
7. JCGEP uses modified natural gas and/or propane appliances that run on the landfill methane. What degree of technical knowledge/experience do you have in the use of gas-powered appliances.
8. How (specifically) would you apply your residency at JCGEP? Describe the equipment you are most interested in using.
9. Do you own your own tools and/or equipment? Have you taken any business or craft business classes? If not, are you interested in developing your business plan?
10. Briefly describe how you envision your financial success as a professional artist? Will it involve production items, custom installations, etc.? What steps are you taking to achieve these goals?





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11. Have you ever been self-employed? If so, describe.
12. The artists at JCGEP share space and equipment and have frequent interaction with the public. In what ways have you demonstrated a cooperative nature, sense of responsibility, and ability to share your knowledge?
13. What do you feel makes you stand out as a candidate for a residency at JCGEP?
14. Are you or have you ever been a resident of Jackson County and/or Western North Carolina?
15. How do you feel about hosting tours and assisting with classes at the park?

