



31060 Cottage Hill Road - Redwood New York 13679

Thank you for your interest in applying to the betterArts Residency Program! betterArts is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 corporation that seeks to provide an opportunity for creative exploration and growth to visual artists, writers and musicians and broadcast professionals within the context of Better Farm's dynamic environment.

Located 10 miles from Alexandria Bay and the Thousand Islands, Better Farm is situated on 65 acres of property offering an unparalleled rural living experience. The property features the following amenities for our artists-in-residence to enjoy:

- 24/7 access to studio space in two-story, rustic Art Barn
- Shop space and stocked tool shed for woodworkers and welders
- Year-round workshops (available at no cost to artists-in-residence)
- More than a dozen lakes in a 15-mile radius
- An on-site pond
- On-site library
- Marketing staff offering publicity opportunities in radio, TV, online and in print
- Communal living spaces with private bedrooms
- 24/7 access to fully stocked, communal kitchen (meal prep is up to you, though people often cook together)
- Vegetable, fruit, aquaponic and herb gardens
- Better Radio, a radio station operated out of Better Farm and available to broadcast professionals for segments and artists for publicity, interviews and live studio sessions

betterArts residents at Better Farm are expected to interact and participate in the goings-on around the property (helping with farming, doing minor construction projects, community outreach, hosting a workshop, or assisting with other odd jobs) an average of 3-5 hours per week in addition to their own work on their art. Artists may set their own schedules and choose which projects they

participate in at the farm. All those accepted for residency are expected to work seriously—and to conduct themselves in a manner that aids fellow residents in their endeavors. Standards for admission are talent, a desire to live and work at Better Farm, and a willingness to have a go at the Better Theory: a belief that each moment presents us with the opportunity for exponential personal growth.

**RESIDENCIES WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON A ROLLING BASIS WITHIN ONE MONTH OF RECEIVING YOUR APPLICATION.**

Applications must be emailed to [residencies@betterarts.org](mailto:residencies@betterarts.org)

OR

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ALL APPLICATIONS must include:

- The enclosed forms filled out in their entirety
- An up-to-date resumé
- Links to work online (if submitting electronically), or a CD or DVD sent through regular mail (please note in email whether you're snailmailing a CD/DVD).
- **REQUIRED ORIGINAL WORK SAMPLES:**
  - Visual Artists: Six to 12 images
  - Composers/Bands: At least three original compositions
  - New Media: Three samples of finished pieces /podcasts
  - Writers: ONE OF THE FOLLOWING: up to 12 poems, one short story, two chapters from a novel, three essays or published articles, or links to three podcasts
  - Dancers/Choreographers: Link to performance videos

**betterArts encourages qualified artists from all backgrounds to apply. We do not discriminate against anyone on any basis whatsoever.**



RESIDENCY APPLICATION

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Area(s) of expertise: Writer\_\_ Visual Artist\_\_ New Media/Broadcast\_\_

Musician\_\_ Other : \_\_\_\_\_

I am applying for :

\_\_2 weeks (\$700)

\_\_1 month (\$1000)

\_\_3 weeks (\$800)

\_\_2 months (\$1950)

List here your top three choices for dates to visit:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Please briefly describe any special equipment or accommodations you need:

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Please check your preferred housing option:

Private Bedroom

Private Cabin (summer only; all facilities are located in the main house)

All accepted residents at Better Farm have the opportunity to contribute to the community-at-large as well as be a part of on-site projects. Please list any skills or interests you have related to farming, gardening, construction, sustainability, or community outreach:

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**Why do you want a betterArts residency?**

(Answer not to exceed one page, attach statement to this form)

Please attach your artist's statement or project proposal.

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**REFERENCE 1**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

RELATIONSHIP TO YOU \_\_\_\_\_

**REFERENCE 2**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

RELATIONSHIP TO YOU \_\_\_\_\_



PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THERE ARE NO MEDICAL FACILITIES AT  
BETTER FARM

It is agreed that all guests will abide by the established customs of betterArts, Better Farm, and the community-at-large. It is understood that a guest's visit may be terminated at the discretion of the management. It is further understood that use, possession, or distribution of illegal substances by betterArts fellows or their guests will result in immediate termination of residency. It is understood that betterArts reserves final residency scheduling authority.

Signature\_\_\_\_\_

Name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Date\_\_\_\_\_