# 2024 Jeff Impact Fellowship
# Artist Application and Program Details

## Purpose

The Jeff Awards organization is proud to continue the **Jeff Impact Fellowship,** designed to inspire emerging early-career artists of color in the GreaterChicagoland area to pursue artistic excellence. As part of this journey, the Jeff Impact Fellowship will support them in their professional, academic, and/or personal development. Again this year, the Fellowship will provide two (2) artists with an allocation of $10,000 each to support their work.

## Who is eligible?

Eligible recipients are early-career artists of color who reside in or are based in Chicago or a Chicago suburb and who are at least 18 years of age and have been involved in Chicago theater for a minimum of one (1) year and a maximum of five (5) years. Eligible persons include actors, directors, stage managers, designers, theater technicians, dramaturgs, cabaret artists, playwrights, music directors, theater composers, theater musicians, and improvisational performers.

## Timeline for the Fellowship Application Process

- March 26, 2024 – Application Process Open
- June 30, 2024 at 5:00 pm (CDT) – Application Process Closed

## How the Jeff Impact Fellowship Will Work

In keeping with the mission of the Jeff Awards to recognize theatrical excellence in the Chicagoland area, we encourage applicants to use the Fellowship as a way to best pursue their artistic vision. We further ask that applicants are committed to applying the funds from the Fellowship towards continued work as a Chicagoland theatre artist. Six months following award issuance, a personal check-in will be made with both awardees to assess progress on their projects as well as determine if any additional assistance is needed to realize their artistic objectives.

The application for the 2024 Jeff Impact Fellowship is included here. Additionally, two (2) letters of recommendation are required, one of which mustcome from an Artistic Director of a Chicagoland theatre company that has produced theatre in the area for at least two (2) years. Instructions on how to submit the letters of recommendation are included below. Please note that only two letters will be considered in the selection process.

Applicants with questions are encouraged to email John Glover, Chair of the JeffAwards, at chair@jeffawards.org. A phone conversation with an applicant may be arranged upon request.

**Submission Process**

- The artist should submit the completed application by email tofellowship@jeffawards.org.
- The completed file should be titled "[Applicant Name] - Jeff ImpactFellowship 2024."
- The email subject line should read "[Applicant Name] - Jeff ImpactFellowship 2024."
- The application is best filled out via computer. Please download the application, add/type in your responses within the application document,save as a new file and submit the file as a PDF.
- Letters of recommendation should be sent directly from the recommenderby email to fellowship@jeffawards.org. The completed file and email subject line should read "[Applicant Name] - Letter of Recommendation - Jeff Impact Fellowship 2024."

**Applications must be submitted no later than 5:00 PM (CDT) on Sunday, June 30,2024.**