



Studio Membership

Interested potters should complete two or more full-length classes at the Art Center of the Bluegrass or its equivalent in either hand-building or wheel-throwing with a recommendation from one of our instructors or submit examples of work and a description of relevant experience before applying for membership. Members need to be proficient in clay and glazes.

Membership is offered to qualified applicants on a first-come, first-served basis and at the discretion of the Executive Director.

Membership Benefits

- Access to the Ceramics Studio from 6:00 am – 10:30 pm, 7 days a week. Members will be issued a key fob that grants access to the studio outside of public Art Center hours, **excluding posted class times**. The building automatically arms at 11:00 pm so all studio members must be out of the building by 10:30 pm. You may not access any other spaces in the building when the building is closed to the public.
- **CLAY: You may use any clay-body, cone 5 -7. Any unwanted left-over clay should be wrapped in a bag and thrown in the outside garbage cans in the parking lot – NOT INSIDE. You may purchase Kentucky Mudworks Iceman clay (cone 5-7) from the Art Center through the front desk for \$25 per 25-pound bag.**
- You will be provided with two shelves (4' x 1.5') for storing materials, tools, clay and works in progress.
- Use of Art Center tools and a limited number of glazes. Plan to purchase your own glazes to keep on your shelf. **Speak with Art Center Staff about the glazes you intend to use in the studio.**
- **Use of kiln: The cost to fire your pieces is \$1 per pound and will be calculated by the Arts Center and charged to your credit card monthly. The kiln schedule will be based on class firing schedules and studio output. If you need your pieces fired before the Arts Center has a full load ready for firing, there will be an added \$30 fee for firing a personal kiln load. Arts Center staff will fire all pieces.**
- Use of the Bluetooth stereo provided your music is acceptable to all present in the studio.
- Opportunity to display/sell pieces at various times in the year.
- Tuition discount on clay classes (contact the Art Center before you register.)

Membership Responsibilities

- Maintain the security of your key fob. Your key fob is property of the Art Center, is non-transferable and must be returned to the Art Center upon the termination of your studio membership. Do not use your fob to allow others access to the building, Fee for a lost fob is \$30.
- Use only clay and glazes approved by the Art Center. Using the wrong clay or glaze could result in damage to the kiln. Damages caused by unauthorized materials will be charged to the responsible parties.
- Use only tools, equipment, and glazes marked for studio member use.
- **Do not load, unload, or fire the kiln at any time unless under the direct supervision of an Arts Center staff person or instructor.**
- Keep your work and storage space clean. Wipe up your workspace, store tools in their proper locations, mop as needed. Use only the cleaning materials provided. Do not sweep the floor as it can send harmful silicate particles into the air.
- Adhere to all studio cleaning procedures.
- Keep the blue bucket in the sink and wash tools and hands over the bucket. Do not wash muddy hands in the bathroom.
- Clearly mark and safely store any tools or other items you wish to leave in the studio. The Art Center of the Bluegrass is not responsible for loss or damage to personal belongings left in the studio.
- For the sake of maintaining a harmonious community, refrain from bringing pets or controversial conversations into the studio.
- Bring beverages in containers with lids only. Do not bring food into the studio.
- When using the Clay Studio after hours, please restrict yourself to the basement. Do not access any other part of the building. Please enter and exit using the Clay Studio door.
- Only studio members or class takers may be present in the studio.
- Membership fees are not refundable and the Art Center reserves the right to terminate membership at any time for violations of any of the following policies without refund.

Membership Fees

- \$50 per month membership fee (3 month payment)
- 3-month minimum. Payment is due at the start of membership by automatic withdrawal (3 months) or by check. **A 3% credit card service fee will be added to the total if paying by credit card.**
- Lost or damaged security key fob: \$30.

Ceramics Studio Applicant Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Briefly describe your past ceramics experience. If you have not taken a class at the Art Center, please also submit images of your work and/or bring in a sample:

Participants in Art Center of the Bluegrass programs may be photographed/videoed by news reporters/photographers, staff members, or others. Registration constitutes permission to utilize photos/videos taken at the event for news, promotion and similar purposes.

I agree to abide by the terms of membership outlined above. I acknowledge that ceramics is an inherently uncertain art and I release the Art Center of Bluegrass, its staff, instructors, and volunteers from any liability for any pieces I may create, store, or fire in the studio.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please complete payment information.

Payment Information

All studio members who wish to fire work in the kiln must provide credit card information below. Please check which applies to you.

____ 3 month membership OR ____ 6 month membership
____ Full Payment CC (time of contract) OR ____ Full Payment CC (time of contract)
____ Pay by Check (3 months in full) OR ____ Pay by Check (6 months in full)

Cardholder Name: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Credit Card #: _____ Security Code: _____

We will need to do a background check. By signing the ceramic studio application, you give us permission to do this. We will need your social security number and birth date. Please include those items here: _____ DOB: _____

The background check costs \$30. Please include a check for \$30 to the Art Center of the Bluegrass. All credit card payments will have a 3% credit card service charge added.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

*Contract is an on-going contract. Members will be contacted at the end of agreed upon 3-month or 6-month payment plan to set up payments for the next installment.