

4. Compose a Biographical Statement

Write a statement explaining your most important artistic and/or activist accomplishments, current work, and future goals. Include information that is relevant to your application and shows experiences that relate to the goals you are proposing.

The Biographical Statement should be about one page.

KFW asks for a narrative statement, rather than a resume, so you can more easily and thoughtfully share the most relevant information about your feminist art and social change work, especially as they relate to your proposed activities, artistic development, results and impact. The statement should provide a sense of your education or training, experience and development as an artist, any previous community engagement and social change work, and its impact. In addition to information that you would include on a resume, KFW values work and experiences that are often not contained in these kinds of formal listings. The staff, Board and reviewers recognize that a wide variety of experiences can be good preparation for creating art for social change.

Please describe how you learned your art form, whether by studying at a school, working with a mentor, or whether you are self-taught. Describe where you see yourself in your development as an artist, how your work relates to other work in your field, historically and among your contemporaries. Also describe work that is related to your activities or goals. If you do not have direct experience in what you are proposing to do now, please provide information that shows how your work has led you to this point. Experiences can be artistic, personal, political, educational or job-related.

Keep in mind that, other than your work sample, this statement is the only information the reviewers will receive about your skills, abilities and experience as an artist as well as your past experiences or education that may help you engage a group of individuals in artmaking for social change.

Please also note that if you receive a grant award, KFW may use information from this biographical statement in our publicity materials, including our website and our e-newsletter.