## Vermont Traditional Arts Apprenticeship Program 2023-2024 Application

### APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, August 18th, 2023, at noon

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS: [*detailed instructions*](https://static1.squarespace.com/static/62ab3d3a7aae4774cdfcd747/t/649dba01f7f50d7fdb6fa0da/1688058370782/VTAAP_Guidelines+2023.pdf) *available on the VT Folklife website. If you are able, please fill out this form* [*online*](https://form.jotform.com/vtfolklife/vtaap2023)*. You can use this document to draft your answers, then paste them into the online form. If you are uncomfortable with the online form, you are welcome to fill out this Word document and mail or email it to us.*

#### NAME OR DESCRIPTION OF TRADITIONAL ART FORM:

#### MENTOR ARTIST: APPLICANT INFORMATION

First Name: Last Name:

Place of birth:

Phone: Email:

Mailing address: City: State: ZIP:

#### APPRENTICE: APPLICANT INFORMATION

First Name: Last Name:

Place of birth:

Phone: Email:

Mailing address: City: State: ZIP:

Total number of apprentices (approximation OK for large groups):

Please list names of additional apprentices below:

#### PART A: QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED BY THE MENTOR ARTIST

*Please write 3-5 sentences to answer each question*

1. Please describe the art form you wish to teach and tell us something about the role that this art form plays in your life.
2. From whom did you learn this art form? Where? At what point in your life?
3. Many traditional art forms are linked to specific communities, such as occupational, regional, ethnic, tribal, or religious groups. Does your practice of this art form relate to a larger community of which you are a part? If so, please explain.
4. What do you feel qualifies you as an expert artist and mentor?
5. Please explain why you want to participate in an apprenticeship and why you want to work with this particular apprentice. (If you received Apprenticeship support last year and want to continue working with the same apprentice for another year, please summarize what you accomplished over the past year and explain how this additional year will benefit you and your apprentice.)

#### PART B: QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED BY THE APPRENTICE (S)

*Please write a 3-5 sentences to answer each question*

1. How much experience do you have with the art form you wish to study? How did you learn it?
2. Why are you interested in learning more about this art form? What do you plan to do with this skill in the future?
3. Does your practice of this art form relate to a larger community (such as occupational, regional, ethnic, tribal, or religious) of which you are a part? If so, please explain.
4. Why do you want to work with this particular mentor artist in an apprenticeship?
5. What do you expect to accomplish during this apprenticeship?
6. Do you have plans to tie the apprenticeship into the larger (Vermont) community? If so, how?

#### PART C: WORK PLAN TO BE COMPLETED BY BOTH MENTOR ARTIST AND APPRENTICE(S)

*Mentor artist and apprentice(s) should complete this section together. Please be as specific and as thorough as possible.*

1. How many times will you meet during the apprenticeship? When, where and for how long each time?(The work plan can begin September 1, 2023 and continue through August 30, 2024.)
2. What specific skills/techniques will be taught? (For example: tunes, dance steps, craft techniques or objects, etc.)
3. Describe some ways in which the mentor artist will evaluate the progress of the apprentice(s). What specific skills does the mentor artist expect the apprentice(s) to learn within the time frame?
4. Describe 1-2 possible public presentations (exhibit, demonstration, performance) that the team would like to do during your time together in their own town, county, or region?
5. How did you hear about the Vermont Traditional Arts Apprenticeship Program? (Word of mouth? Community organization? A Vermont Folklife event? Social media or email?)

#### PART D: BUDGET TO BE COMPLETED BY BOTH MENTOR ARTIST & APPRENTICE(S)

#### PAID TO MENTOR ARTIST

Mentor Artist’s fee (should be most of the budget): $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Supplies and Materials (please provide itemized list if applicable):

Mentor Artists Supplies and Materials total: $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Travel: \_\_\_\_trips of \_\_\_\_\_\_miles at $0.655/mile = $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

#### PAID TO APPRENTICE

Supplies and Materials (please provide itemized list if applicable):

Apprentice Supplies and Materials Total: $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Travel: \_\_\_\_trips of \_\_\_\_\_\_miles at $0.655/mile = $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Total amount requested: $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

#### SUPPORT MATERIALS:

Please attach any supporting materials you would like to include with your application. (e.g. photographs, videos, audio recordings, video, or news articles.) Please name files with both mentor artist and apprentice last name and provide a brief description.

#### APPRENTICESHIP DATES:

Starting date (no earlier than September 1, 2023):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Ending Date (no later than August 31, 2024):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

#### SIGNATURES

**Mentor Artist:**

I am willing to take \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as an apprentice according to the plans outlined in this application.

Signature of Mentor Artist Date

**Apprentice:**

I am willing to work with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as an apprentice according to the plans outlined in this application.

Signature of Apprentice Date

**If the apprentice is under the age of eighteen, a parent or legal guardian must complete this section:**

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, give permission for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to work with Mentor Artist \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as part of Vermont Folklife’s Traditional Arts Apprenticeship Program.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian Date

#### USE THIS LINK TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION ONLINE: [vtfolklife.org/vtaap-app](https://form.jotform.com/vtfolklife/vtaap2023)

If unable to submit online, mail or email completed application to:

Vermont Folklife

Traditional Arts Apprenticeship Program

88 Main Street

Middlebury VT 05753

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