



RESOURCE GUIDE

TIPS FOR WRITING AN ARTIST STATEMENT:

[“Don't Quote Deleuze”: How to Write a Good Artist Statement by Loney Abrams,](#)
published by Artspace Magazine

[Best Professional Practices for Artists: The Artist Statement Made Simple by Cara Ober,](#)
published by BmoreArt

[How to write an artist statement, part 1](#) by Nathaniel Stern

ARTS ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS:

Springboard for the Arts

Springboard is a Twin-Cities based arts-advocacy organization that offers workshops, professional consultations and some technology services to working artists. Some services are free; you will have to pay for others.

308 Prince Street, Suite 270, St. Paul, MN 55101

651-292-4381

www.springboardforthearts.org

VSA Minnesota

VSA Minnesota works with arts organizations throughout the state to assist them in making their programs and services accessible to people with disabilities.

MNAA, care of Minnesota State Arts Board

Attn: Natalie Kennedy, program officer & accessibility coordinator

400 Sibley Street, Park Square Ct Ste 200

St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

info@mnaccess.org

651 215 1603 (temporary phone number, permanent number coming soon)

<http://www.vsamn.org/>

MNartists.org

Mn Artists is home to art, writing, opportunities and conversation, online and off, by, for and about

Midwestern artists working in every discipline

www.mnartists.org

Film North

Film North provides film, photo, and editing equipment to members. Call for an appointment.

550 Vandalia St #120, St Paul, MN 55114

(651) 644-1912

<http://myfilmnorth.org/>

REGIONAL ARTS BOARDS:

These organizations are affiliated with the Minnesota State Arts Board and the McKnight Foundation. They may be able to offer you computer access and assistance or direct you to someone near you who can.

Kittson, Marshall, Norman, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, and Roseau counties:

Northwest Regional Arts Council

109 S. Minnesota St., Warren, MN 56762-1428

218-745-6733

<http://www.northwestminnesotaartscouncil.org/>

Beltrami, Clearwater, Hubbard, Lake of the Woods, and Mahnommen counties:

Region 2 Arts Council

505 Bemidji Ave N, Bemidji, MN 56601

218-751-5447

www.r2arts.org

Aitkin, Carlton, Cook, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake, and Saint Louis counties:

Arrowhead Regional Arts Council

424 W Superior St Suite 104, Duluth, MN 55802

218-722-0952

www.aracouncil.org

Becker, Clay, Douglas, Grant, Otter Tail, Pope, Stevens, Traverse, and Wilkin counties:

Lake Region Arts Council

133 South Mill Street, Fergus Falls, MN 56537

218-739-5780

www.lrac4.org

Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd, and Wadena counties:

Five Wings Arts Council

121 4th Street NE, Staples, MN 56479

218-895-5660

<https://www.fwac.org/>

Big Stone, Chippewa, Cottonwood, Jackson, Kandiyohi, Lincoln, Lac qui Parle, Lyon, McLeod, Meeker, Murray, Nobles, Pipestone, Redwood, Renville, Rock, Swift, and

Yellow Medicine Counties:

Southwest Minnesota Arts Council

114 N 3rd St, Marshall, MN 56258

507-537-1471

<http://swmnarts.org/>

Chisago, Isanti, Kanabec, Mille Lacs, and Pine counties:

East Central Regional Arts Council

109 Weber Ave S, PO Box 554

Hinckley, MN 55037

320-396-2337

<http://www.ecrac.org/>

Benton, Sherburne, Stearns, and Wright counties:

Central Minnesota Arts Board

220 4th Ave N, Foley, MN 56329

(320) 968-4290

www.centralmnartsboard.org

Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault, Le Sueur, Martin, Nicollet, Sibley, Waseca, and Watonwan counties:

Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council

105 22nd Avenue NE, Suite A, Waseca, MN 56093

507-833-8721

www.plrac.org

Dodge, Fillmore, Freeborn, Goodhue, Houston, Olmsted, Mower, Rice, Steele, Wabasha, and Winona counties:

Southeastern Minnesota Arts Council

2778 D Commerce Drive NW Rochester, MN 55901

507-281-4848

www.semac.org

Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington counties:

Metropolitan Regional Arts Council

2324 University Avenue West, Suite 114, St. Paul, MN 55114

651-645-0402

www.mrac.org

DIGITAL IMAGES RESOURCES:

Numerous books and articles are available on the subject of digital photography and imaging. A trip to the local bookstore or camera shop, a visit to amazon.com, or an Internet search for something like "take good digital photographs" or "scanning slides" should turn up plenty of information sources.

We've found that *Digital Photography: An Introduction* by Tom Ang is a helpful guide to the basics of the medium. Chapters 3 and 4 are especially helpful for turning your existing images into digital files. It retails for about \$15.

PHOTO SERVICES:

FedEx Kinko's

Probably the most widespread and one-stop option, these stores have computers with Adobe Photoshop and Microsoft Word, can scan your slides or photographs and burn CDs. Visit www.fedex.com to find the location nearest you.

Springboard for the Arts has a great site to locate local professionals to document and digitize your work. Visit it online at their [Art Service Directory](#).

DIGITAL IMAGING SOFTWARE:

There are a variety of products that can help you format your images successfully. Packaged software is available to purchase as well as free downloadable software. Recently various websites are offering online image editing tools as well.

Adobe (<http://www.adobe.com>) currently provides two photo editing products--Adobe Photoshop and Adobe Elements--that are very popular among today's designers and artists. Adobe Elements, the less-expensive option, provides a free 30-day trial if you would like to try the program before purchasing.

Get Paint (<http://www.getpaint.net>), a free open-source program for Windows-based computers, can also help to format images successfully. If you are a Mac user, download Gimp (<http://www.gimp.org>), a useful image-editing program.

Sumo (<http://www.sumopaint.com>) and Pixlr (<http://www.pixlr.com>) are some of the few websites out there that offer image-editing right in the browser.

FOR SOFTWARE HELP:

Adobe Support

Adobe.com has tutorials and troubleshooting advice for Photoshop users.
www.adobe.com/support/photoshop/

Microsoft Support

If you're having trouble with Microsoft Word, perhaps Microsoft Support can help.
support.microsoft.com