

PRESCOTT COLLEGE
ARTS & LETTERS PROGRAM

The Frederick & Frances Sommer Fellowship

The Frederick & Frances Sommer Fellowship is a gift to Prescott College to assist the academic and artistic endeavors of a senior Arts & Letters student. Established in 2000, this Fellowship provides housing in the Sommer cabin during the senior year of enrollment. The Sommer cabin includes a spacious studio and a B/W darkroom. This Fellowship is intended to support the concentration necessary to educate the aesthetic sensibility of the chosen student. The Fellowship is awarded through an application process managed by Visual Arts faculty of Prescott College with the final award choice made by the Trustees of the Sommer Foundation. The Fellow is selected on the merit of their academic accomplishments and their artistic seriousness. All Resident Degree Program students in the Arts & Letters Program are eligible to apply during their junior year. The Fellowship is non-discriminatory toward the various disciplines of study within the Arts & Letters Program—performers, writers, studio artists, photographers, sculptors, art educators and/or historians are encouraged to apply.

I can excuse almost anyone being uneducated except an artist.

Frederick Sommer

*Choice and chance
structure art
and nature*

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2007-2008 Application Guidelines

Terms of Fellowship

The selected Fellow will receive housing at Frederick and Frances Sommer's prior residence at 913 Canyon Drive, Prescott, AZ, free of charge during the calendar year beginning August 15, 2007 and terminating on July 31, 2008. The Fellow will have full access to the cabin which includes a large studio space and a B/W darkroom. The Fellow will sign a Residence Lease Agreement and be responsible for the care and integrity of the property through dialogue with the Sommer Foundation Trustees. In collaboration with the Trustees, the fellow will donate a piece of their artwork—created during the fellowship term—to the foundation archive.

Eligibility

This Fellowship is available to Resident Degree Program students within the Arts & Letters Program of Prescott College enrolled full-time. Applicants must be working toward a competence in one (or more) of the various disciplines offered in the Arts & Letters Program. Applicants are welcome to apply during their junior year after the official Degree Plan has been submitted and approved.

Application Procedures

Compile the following in a self-contained, returnable package:

- Fellowship Application Form
- Cover Letter
- Application Form essays
- Resume
- Samples of your most current work presented in a manner best suited to the medium *not to exceed 16x20" in presentation form.* (ie: photographic slides, manuscript, performance VHS/DVD, original art, CD-ROM of PDF or Jpeg images, etc)
- Printed index to the work submitted describing titles, medium, form, date of completion.

Address your self-contained, returnable package to:

Frederick and Frances Sommer Fellowship
C/o Prescott College
220 Grove Ave.
Prescott, AZ 86301

**Drop-off location for your Application Package is the Prescott College Library
(Front Desk)**

**Applications for the 2007-2008 fellowship must be received by
4:00pm Thursday, March 8, 2007.**

Fellowship award will be determined by Monday, April 2, 2007.

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Application Form (2007-2008)

Name: _____ Phone # _____

Local Address: _____ Email _____

Title of Competence: _____

Main concentration of study: _____

Anticipated date of Graduation: _____

Has your Degree Plan been approved: yes/no

List one academic reference and one personal reference with their preferred method of contact.

1. _____

2. _____

- **Submit a one-page cover letter that gives a compelling case in support of your candidacy.**
- **Submit a one-page essay that describes your projected Senior Project.**
- **Submit a one-page essay answer to one of the following topics:**
 1. Tell of a childhood place that continues to influence your artwork.
 2. Write of an artist who influences your work.
 3. Describe a memorable meal.

By signing this application you hereby attest to the honesty of all information submitted and understand that any falsity presented will eliminate your candidacy for this fellowship award.

Signature _____ Date of Submission _____

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Here is a recommended reading list in order to become familiar with the life and work of Frederick Sommer. All titles are available locally within the Yavacat Library system. Other titles exist if you are so inclined to utilize the Interlibrary Loan Program.

Davis, Keith F. *The Art of Frederick Sommer: Photography, Drawing, Collage*. Yale University Press/Frederick & Frances Sommer Foundation, 2005.

Hall, G.K. *Frederick Sommer: Selected Texts and Bibliography*. Series: World Photographers Reference Series.

Rule, Amy & Nancy Solomon (ed.). *Original Sources: Art and Archives at the Center for Creative Photography*. Tucson: Center for Creative Photography, University of Arizona Press, 2002.

Sommer, Frederick. *Words; Images*. Tucson: Center for Creative Photography, University of Arizona Press, 1984.

Sommer, Frederick. *Venus, Jupiter & Mars—The Photographs of Frederick Sommer*. Delaware: Delaware Art Museum, 1980.

Sommer, Frederick. *Frederick Sommer, 1939-1962: Photographs*. New York: Aperture; V. 10, No. 4., 1962.

Sommer, Frederick. *The Mistress of This World Has No Name*. Denver: The Denver Art Museum, 1987.