



Sankofa Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. What is Sankofa?

Sankofa is a **creative ecosystem** made up of multiple interconnected programs and communities. It includes veteran film and photography initiatives, virtual galleries, writers' ciphers, music and production ciphers, fashion and design labs, art residencies, incubators, and more. Each component supports artists, storytellers and veterans through creativity, culture, and community.

2. How much is the DOMESTIC residency fee?

The **domestic USA residency fee is \$1,000**. This fee includes the full cost of the end-of-residency overnight ceremony, round-trip ground transportation from the airport to the ceremony, lodging, food, and general logistical care. All residency programming, support, and creative development are included.

3. How much is the INTERNATIONAL residency fee?

The **international residency fee is \$2,000**. This covers a **7-day residency in Africa** (Uganda, Ethiopia, Ghana, Nigeria, or South Africa) in partnership with our local arts councils and cultural organizations.

The \$2,000 fee includes:

- 7 days of lodging/artist workspace
- 3 meals per day
- 2 cultural excursions/activities
- 1 community artist talk
- Round-trip ground transportation from the airport to the residency site
- All residency-related local travel and logistics

What's not included: Airfare, visas, personal spending money, gifts, or any items not listed above.

4. Does WLF/Sankofa help with airfare, spending money, visas, or personal gifts?

No. Artists are responsible for their own airfare, visa costs, personal spending money, and any additional expenses not explicitly listed in the residency fee coverage.

5. How big are the residency cohorts?

Residency cohorts are intentionally intimate, typically ranging from **7–13 artists**. This size ensures personalized support, meaningful community connection, and high-quality creative development.

6. Do you offer free events or seminars?

Yes. Sankofa hosts free community events, creative seminars, and open sessions throughout the year. The best way to stay informed is through our **Discord community**, where announcements, opportunities, and event links are posted regularly. You can also follow us on social media or email us directly for updates.