

The Macktez Summer Stipend

The Macktez Summer Stipend is a grant for creative development. Each year we try to find a way to help a young artist get through summer in the city with a little something extra.

Last year we asked applicants to focus on lunch spots in our neighborhood, as we'd become bored with our own midday routines. The winner was a local artist whose concept album wove together his lunchtime jaunts through Chinatown with a love story. (You can listen to his songs at macktez.com/chinatown.)

This year we have our own new kitchen, and so we also have more autonomy in the satisfaction of our foodie cravings. With goods from local grocers supplemented by staples from our favorite grocer-in-a-truck, we've been frying eggs, baking bread, and brewing lots of coffee. Now if we're bored at lunch we have no one to blame but ourselves.

That experience brought us around to a new philosophy for our summer stipend: Why limit your output to what we want? After all, the cleanest way to support creativity is to be completely open to the ideas of our creative betters. We don't want to saddle you with constraints. The whole point is to make more room for you.

So if \$500 would help you buy a new digital camera for your summer photography project, or paints and canvas for that portrait series you've been thinking about, or anything else that will help you break free from the bonds of creative servitude, tell us what you have in mind and the prize could be yours. We just ask that you share the results with us when you're all done.

Remember to apply at macktez.com/stipend by August 25th. We'll let you know by August 30th who we thought had the best big idea.

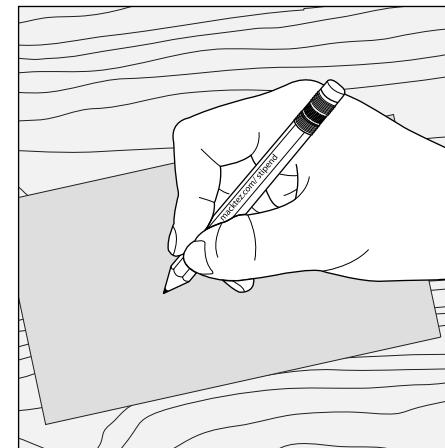
—The Team at Macktez.

What would you do with \$500?

You know you work hard, late into the night, your eyes dry from low blink rate, your knuckles mouse-crimped and sore. But summer should be a time to stretch out and relax. If you lie awake at night thinking about projects, wouldn't you rather focus on a brilliant, creative idea from you-know-who?

We'd like that too.

STEP ONE

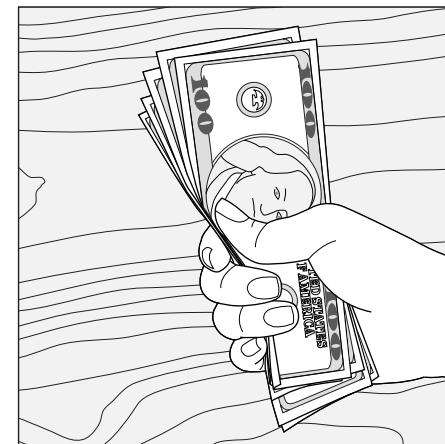


See the little pencil? Try it out: doodle, make notes, build a mini log cabin. Wander a little, let yourself go ...

until you find it ...

the thing you'd do this summer if only you had some extra cash.

STEP TWO



Go to macktez.com/stipend by August 25th.

Tell us your big idea, and why we should give you the prize. Amateur judges culled from our own tech staff will carefully choose the winner based on originality and conviction.