## Ayin Es

My name is Ayin Es, and I'm originally from Los Angeles. I recently moved to Joshua Tree, California.

I've been awarded the NADC's Arts and Accessibility grant multiple times in 2018, 2014, 2011, and 2004. The first grant (in 2004) was to aid in purchasing supplies and support for an artist's residency, which was an essential part in kickstarting my art career. The one in 2011 was to assist me in creating a one-of-a-kind handmade Artist's book for the Brooklyn Library. In 2014, the grant I received supported a self-made residency in the desert, whereby I was to complete preliminary work that resulted in my most significant exhibition to date. In 2018, it paid the fees required to build a website and start a book publishing business to self-publish my memoir.

If it wasn't for the grants I received, I would not have been able to accomplish the goals I set forth for myself otherwise. These accomplishments were all steppingstones in building a proper art career that I can say I am very proud of. Each step has catapulted me further along and helped me to accomplish a notable resume which stays with me throughout my career. This, in turn, provides me with the accolades needed as prerequisites in the art world to exhibit in galleries and museums. It is what gallerists and curators look for, and it has helped me to earn further prestigious grants and awards. It has also helped my confidence in ways I have only dreamed of.