



THE
LIEUTENANT
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OF ALBERTA
emerging
ARTIST AWARD

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APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Purpose

The Lieutenant Governor of Alberta Arts Awards Foundation has established a program of awards for emerging artists to support and encourage promising artists, early in their careers, while also serving to raise the profile of the arts in Alberta.

The Lieutenant Governor of Alberta Emerging Artist Awards are awarded every second year, beginning in 2008. Each Award consists of \$10,000 and a Medal. Up to ten prizes may be awarded in each awards cycle.

The Emerging Artist Award is intended to support the development of emerging artists; that is, the Award is an investment in the developing artist, to be used in the way that the recipient considers most effective for advancing her or his development as an artist. It is not a project grant. Potential uses might include income replacement for non-arts related employment to enable the emerging artist to devote more time to their art making; acquisition of supplies, materials or equipment to enable the next stage of their artistic development; or specialized study/experience designed to support the development of their career. Each Applicant will know best the next steps needed for her or his artistic development.

If the next step involves a project, the Applicant should emphasize the artistic goals the project is intended to achieve.

Eligibility Criteria

A person is eligible to be considered for the Emerging Artist Award if she or he is:

1. A Canadian citizen or 2 or more years as a landed immigrant;
2. A resident of Alberta who has pursued their chosen art form within the province for at least the last two years, or an individual who has spent a significant and formative period of their development in the province and who has intent or desire to contribute to the artistic fabric of the province in the future; and
3. An Emerging Artist, defined as someone who has completed training, an apprenticeship or a recognized body of work in an arts discipline and meets the requirements of one or more of the following:
 - is at an early stage in their artistic career and dedicated to the professional practice of the art, as evidenced by a significant investment of time and resources
 - has created a modest body of independent work and has a history of public presentation or publication
 - is recognized as an artist by others working in the same artistic tradition.

For the purposes of this award, "Arts" includes:

- The Performing Arts, including without limitation: the creators, composers, choreographers, interpreters, and performers in music, dance, theatre and opera
- The Visual Arts, including without limitation: painting, print making, sculpture, performance and installation art, photography, new media and fine craft
- Cinematic Arts, including without limitation: film and video drama, documentary and art film/video
- Design
- Architecture
- Literary Arts, both English and French, including without limitation: fiction including novel, short story, blended genres, poetry and drama.



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Application Process

Emerging Alberta Artists who meet the criteria set out above may make application for the Award.

The Application Form may be downloaded from the Foundation website or completed and submitted online. Questions concerning the Application Process may be addressed to the Executive Director at artsawards.ca.

The completed application must be received by the deadline date, February 10, 2012. Late or incomplete applications are ineligible and will not be forwarded to the adjudication panel for consideration. The Foundation does not have the capacity to receive faxes.

Appraisals

Each Applicant must identify two persons (established artists, artistic directors, producers, educators, administrators, etc.) who are in a position to provide an appraisal of the Applicant's current accomplishments and future potential as an artist. It is the responsibility of the Applicant to ensure that the Appraiser completes and submits the required assessment by the deadline. Applications missing an appraisal are incomplete and will not be forwarded to the Adjudication panel for review. Appraisals are confidential to the Appraiser and the Adjudication Panel and are to be submitted directly to the Foundation by the Appraiser. An Appraisal viewed by an Applicant will disqualify the Applicant.

Supporting Materials

Please see the Application Form for additional information on supporting materials to accompany the completed Application package.

Assessment

Eligible applications will be assessed by a panel of adjudicators appointed by the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta Arts Awards Foundation Board of Directors in consultation with The Banff Centre, and coordinated by staff of The Banff Centre. The recommendations of the Adjudication Panel will be presented to the Board of the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta Arts Awards Foundation. The decisions of the Foundation Board are final.

Evaluation Criteria

Eligible Applications will be assessed on

- Artistic merit of the Applicant's current achievements
- Artistic potential of the Applicant
- Clarity and achievability of the Applicant's artistic goals
- Capacity of the Applicant to meet her or his stated artistic goals
- Potential for the Award to support the artistic development of the Applicant and to assist the Applicant in meeting her or his stated artistic goals

Presentation of Awards

The Awards will be presented by the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta at an event held at Government House in Edmonton.

Reporting

Recipients of the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta Emerging Artist Award are asked to provide an update on their activities on the anniversary of their receipt of the Award. The Foundation looks forward to hearing about and sharing the news of each recipient's development as an artist as part of our mandate to raise awareness of the arts in Alberta.