



2018 Aspiring Artist Awards Guidelines and Application Form

Application Deadline: Thursday, March 29th, 2018 at 4:00pm

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

General

YVR Art Foundation offers Aspiring Artist Awards to British Columbia and Yukon First Nations youth between the ages of 13 and 19 years of age and who reside in BC or the Yukon. These are awarded on an annual basis to aspiring artists who create visual art that reflects BC or Yukon First Nations' culture and who wish to explore their artistic potential.

Who May Apply

To be eligible for a YVR Art Foundation Aspiring Artist Award, applicants must:

- Be of BC or Yukon First Nations ancestry*
- Reside in BC or the Yukon
- Be between the ages of 13 and 19 (**year of birth between 1999 and 2005**)
- Show artistic potential and create art that reflects BC or Yukon First Nations' art and culture

**** If you have any questions about your First Nations eligibility, please contact Program and Administrative Coordinator Cynthia McCreery at cynthia@yvraf.com or by phone at 604.276.6261.***

Eligible Activities

This award is to support the recipient's self-directed work in the visual arts.

Awards

- Up to ten Aspiring Artist Awards of \$500 each will be awarded in 2018
- All applicants will receive notification of the 2018 Aspiring Artist Award results by June, 2018
- Award recipients will be required to submit a short report outlining the use of the award monies within six months of receiving the award

Note: an Aspiring Artist Award can be awarded to an individual only once. Past YVRAF award, scholarship, and grant recipients are not eligible for the Aspiring Artist Award.

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1) Online application submission:

Applications submitted **online** through the YVR Art Foundation website must be received **no later than 4:00pm on March 29th, 2018.**

2) Hard copy application submission:

Applications submitted via **Canada Post** must be postmarked **no later than midnight, March 29th, 2018. Please mail completed applications to:**

YVR Art Foundation
c/o Janice Murray, Executive Office
Vancouver Airport Authority
P.O. Box 23750, Airport Postal Outlet
Richmond, BC V7B 1Y7

Applications submitted by **hand delivery or by courier** must be received at the YVR Corporate offices **no later than 4:00pm on March 29th, 2018. Please deliver completed applications to:**

YVR Art Foundation
c/o Janice Murray, Executive Office
Vancouver Airport Authority
3211 Grant McConachie Way, Link Building, Level 5
Richmond, BC V7B 1Y7

Note: all hard copy applications and materials must be submitted in one envelope. Do not staple or bind pages together.

Questions and Inquiries:

If you have any questions or inquiries about the Aspiring Artist Award eligibility criteria or the application process, please contact YVR Art Foundation **by phone at 604.276.6261 or email cynthia@yvraf.com. Please also check the Frequently Asked Questions on the Foundation website at: <http://www.yvraf.com/about/faq>**

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APPLICATION CHECKLIST

A complete application (see Application Form on the following pages) includes:

- Part 1: Personal Information
- Part 2: Education
- Part 3: Art Experience
- Part 4: Work/Volunteer Experience
- Part 5: Personal Statement
- Part 6: Reference Letter
- Part 7: Portfolio of Work – *Submissions without a portfolio will not be considered.*
- Part 8: Portfolio Description Sheet
- Part 9: Signed Declaration

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APPLICATION FORM

You may complete this Application Form in one of two ways:

- 1) Handwrite your responses on this application form and submit this with the rest of the required materials.
- 2) Create a Word document that includes all of the application questions below, type out your answers, then print and submit this with the rest of the required materials.

OR

You can submit your application online. If you choose to submit your application online go to: <http://yvraf.com/programs/aspiring-artist-award/apply>

Part 1. Personal Information

Name of Applicant

Legal First Name

Legal Last Name

Preferred Name (if different from above)

Date of Birth* (dd/mm/yy) _____ **Place of Birth** _____

**Age limit requires that the applicant be born between 1999 and 2005.*

BC or Yukon First Nations Ancestry* (e.g. Sto:lo, Haida, Selkirk) _____

Address

Street Address

City

Province/Territory

Postal Code

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Email Address

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Part 2. Education

Current Grade and Name of School

Or

Last Grade Completed and Name of School

And/or

Post-Secondary Education/Training

Part 3. Art Experience

Maximum 250 words

Describe your art work.

For example: *What type of art do you do? What materials do you work with? Have you worked with a mentor or taken any art classes or training? Do you do art work on your own, at school or with other artists?*

Part 4. Work/Volunteer Experience

Maximum 250 words

Describe any paid work experience you have had and/or any of your volunteer activities in or outside of your community.

Part 5. Personal Statement

Maximum 250 words

Your personal statement is an opportunity for you to introduce yourself and mention anything that is not covered in this application but that you feel is important for the selection committee to know.

Part 6. Reference Letter

One Reference Letter is required with this application.

Please submit a written **artistic reference** from an art teacher, mentor or individual with an art background who can speak to your artistic potential.

The Reference Letter must be signed by your reference and include the following information:

- The full name of the applicant (you)
- The full name, address, email address and phone number of the person writing the reference
- The relationship between the applicant and the person writing the reference
- The length of time the person writing the reference has known the applicant
- The reasons why the applicant should receive this award

Part 7. Portfolio of Work

Your portfolio sample is an important component of your application package. It is an opportunity for you to show the selection committee your artistic potential and achievements.

Please use the following guidelines to create your portfolio sample. The portfolio you submit will not be returned to you, so please do not include any original art work.

Portfolio Guidelines:

- Include no more than **five photographs** of your work.
- If possible, include self-initiated work as well as work assigned in class.
- If you submit work that was created with another artist, please name the other artist(s) and identify that the work is a collaboration or that you were an assistant on the project.

Film/video portfolio submissions:

- If you wish to include an example of your film or video work in your portfolio you may submit this through Dropbox or a similar file-sharing medium. You must notify us that you will be submitting film/video and by which method by contacting cynthia@yvraf.com in advance of your submission.
- If you are submitting your film or video work for your entire portfolio you may submit no more than **two videos** at a maximum of five minutes each.
- If you are submitting your film or video work as part of your portfolio, each video submitted is the equivalent of submitting two photographs. For example, if you submit two videos you may only include one additional photograph in your portfolio submission.

Hard-copy portfolio submissions:

- Please put your name on each photo and on the portfolio description sheet (see below).
- A completed copy of the portfolio description sheet must accompany the images you submit.
- Make sure the names and numbers of the photos of your work match the names and numbers of those listed on the portfolio description sheet.
- Photos or photocopies of work must be **no larger than 8 1/2 x 11 inches**; if the photos or photocopies are smaller than 8 1/2 x 11 inches, please attach them to an 8 1/2 x 11 inch sheet of paper, in order to keep the application format consistent.

Part 8. Portfolio Description Sheet

Applicant's Name _____

#	Title of Work	Date of work	Dimensions	Media
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				

Part 9. Declaration

I understand and accept my role and responsibility in the YVR Art Foundation Aspiring Artist Award. The information I have provided in this application is, to the best of my knowledge, true, accurate and complies with all the rules and requirements.

Name of Applicant _____

Date _____

Signature of Applicant _____