



Aspiring Artist Awards

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APPLICATION GUIDELINES

General

YVR Art Foundation offers Aspiring Artist Awards to British Columbia and Yukon Indigenous youth between the ages of 15 and 20 who reside in BC or the Yukon. Aspiring Artist Awards are \$500 each and are awarded on an annual basis to youth to support their self-directed work in the visual arts.

Up to ten Aspiring Artist Awards will be awarded in 2023. Award recipients will be asked to complete a short questionnaire six months following receipt of their award.

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 15 and 20 **in 2023 (born between 2003 and 2008)**
- Create visual art that reflects BC or Yukon First Nations art and culture
- Provide up to five images of your artwork with your application

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

Eligible Activities

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

Some examples include (but are not limited to) purchasing materials and/or supporting the production of artwork or expanding your skill set by attending a workshop or other training.

Application Assistance

Please contact the YVR Art Foundation Program Coordinator if you require accommodations or assistance when completing the Aspiring Artist Award application form, or if you have questions regarding the Aspiring Artist Awards and your First Nations ancestry.



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GUIDE TO APPLICATION FORM QUESTIONS

Part 1: Personal Information

Include your most up-to-date personal information. Please ensure your address is current and your telephone and email are active. If you will be moving or your information changes after you submit your application, email the Program Coordinator at programs@yvraf.com.

Part 2: Education and Art Experience/Training

Up to 250 words

Describe and/or list your education history, your previous experience making art and the type of artwork that you do. You may also include here any information regarding art related classes, mentorships, programs and/or workshops you have attended.

Part 3: Work/Volunteer Experience

Up to 250 words

Describe your work and volunteer experience in or outside of your community. You can include any experience you think is relevant to your application.

Part 4: Personal Statement

Up to 250 words

Your personal statement is an opportunity for you to introduce yourself and mention anything that is not covered in this application. You can also describe how receiving the award will help you explore and/or develop your artistic potential.

Part 5: Support Letter

One support letter is required with this application.

Please submit a support letter from someone who can speak to your artistic potential. This could be a teacher, mentor or other individual.

The support letter must be signed and include the following information:

- The name of the applicant (you)
- The name, address, email address and phone number of the person writing the support letter
- How the person writing the support letter knows the applicant and for how long

Part 6 & 7: Images of Artwork & Image Description Sheet

The images that you provide can be of finished artworks or works in progress.

- Include up to five photographs of your artwork
- You can include images of self-initiated artwork as well as artwork assigned in class
- If you submit artwork that was created with another artist, please name them and identify that the work was a collaboration, or your role in the project

Film/video Submissions:

- If you wish to submit an example of your film or video work, we ask that you notify us of how you would like to send/upload the video files by contacting programs@yvraf.com
- If you are submitting film or video work for your application you may submit no more than **two videos** at a maximum of five minutes each

Hard-Copy Submissions:

The portfolio you submit will not be returned to you, so please do not include any original artwork.

- Please put your name on each photo of your artwork and submit with the completed image description sheet, make sure the names and numbers of the photos of your work match the name and numbers of those listed on the portfolio description sheet
- Photos or photocopies of your artwork should be no larger than 8 ½ x 11 inches

How to Submit Your Application Package

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1) Online Application Submission:

2) Hard copy Application Submission:

Applications submitted by **Canada Post** can be sent to the following address:

Please mail completed applications to the Foundation office:

YVR Art Foundation
P.O. Box 44638
YVR Domestic Terminal RPO
Richmond, BC V7B 1W2

Applications submitted by **hand delivery or by courier** must be received at YVR at the address below. If you will be delivering your application by hand, please notify YVR Art Foundation staff in advance by emailing programs@yvraf.com.

Please deliver/courier completed applications to:

YVR Art Foundation
Vancouver International Airport
3211 Grant McConachie Way
Link Building, L5
Richmond, BC V7B 0A4

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 or YVR Art Foundation, please contact:

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Please also check the Frequently Asked Questions on the Foundation website at:
<http://www.yvraf.com/about/faq>