



Emerging Artist Scholarship Program

Application Deadline

Thursday, January 30, 2020 at 4:00pm

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

General

YVR Art Foundation offers Emerging Artist Scholarships to British Columbia and Yukon Indigenous artists who are between the ages of 17 and 29 years and who reside in BC or the Yukon.

Scholarships are awarded on an annual basis to emerging artists who create visual art that reflects BC or Yukon First Nations culture and who wish to develop their art practice through education or mentorships. Visual art can include drawing, painting, illustration, carving, printmaking, textiles, animation, photography and film. If you have questions regarding eligibility for the medium you work in, please contact YVR Art Foundation.

Up to eight Emerging Artist Scholarships of \$5,000 each will be awarded in 2020. Emerging Artist Scholarship recipients will be selected by a Jury comprised of curators and/or senior Indigenous artists.

All applicants will receive notification of the Emerging Artist Scholarship results by email by April 2020.

Who May Apply

To be eligible for a YVR Art Foundation Emerging Artist Scholarship, applicants must:

- Be of BC or Yukon First Nations ancestry*
- Reside in BC or Yukon
- Be between the ages of 17 and 29 **in 2020 (born between 1991 – 2003)**
- Create visual art that reflects BC or Yukon First Nations culture
- Have the goal of becoming a professional artist
- Have been accepted to study with an artist mentor or at a recognized school of art
- Commit to attend the annual Scholarship Awards Event in Vancouver at the Vancouver International Airport (YVR) on Friday, May 29, 2020 in recognition of their award and attend one year later on Friday, May 28, 2021 in recognition of their completed artwork (travel and accommodation to attend the event is provided for recipients who do not reside within the metro Vancouver region)

- Commit to delivering their completed Scholarship artwork to Vancouver International Airport (YVR) by April 2021.

Note: An Emerging Artist Scholarship can be awarded to an individual a **maximum of two times**.

* Please contact the Program Coordinator if you have any questions regarding your eligibility. This can include your First Nations ancestry, any eligible mediums you work in and required project outcomes. The Program Coordinator can be contacted by email at programs@yvraf.com or by phone at 604.276.6261.

Eligible Programs of Study

Applicants can apply for an Emerging Artist Scholarship to work with a mentor artist in a specific medium or to support their attendance at a recognized school of art.

Scholarship Awards Event & Artists' Day Tour

As part of the Emerging Artist Scholarship Program, 2020 Scholarship recipients attend the annual Scholarship Awards Event on Friday, May 29, 2020 and one year later on Friday, May 28, 2021. Travel and accommodation to attend the event is provided for recipients who do not reside within the metro Vancouver region.

New recipients of the Emerging Artist Scholarship (those who have not received an Emerging Artist Scholarship previously) are also required to attend the YVR Art Collection Tour. All recipients attend an Artists' Day Tour of Vancouver museums and galleries following the Scholarship Awards Event. Further details will be provided to Scholarship recipients.

Scholarship Artwork at YVR

Following the announcement of their Emerging Artist Scholarship Award on May 29, 2020, the scholarship recipient must create an artwork for exhibit/display at YVR for the following year. This artwork will demonstrate the development of skills and techniques learned as a result of the Emerging Artist Scholarship and will be on view at YVR for one year.

The artwork must fit within the YVR display case dimensions (**43" w × 29" d × 66" h**) and be delivered to YVR by April 2021.

The Scholarship recipient is responsible for any shipping and/or framing costs for the artwork that will be exhibited/displayed at YVR. After the one-year display, YVR will cover the shipping costs of returning the artwork to the Scholarship recipient.



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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

Describe and/or list your education history. You may also include here any information regarding art related classes, programs and/or workshops you have attended.

Part 3: Work/Volunteer History

*Maximum 1 page
(500 words)*

Describe your work and volunteer experience in or outside of your community. This includes paid and/or unpaid work and does not have to be directly related to your art practice.

Part 4: Art Experience

*Maximum 1 page
(500 words)*

This section will detail your artwork and your interests in the arts. 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 artwork on your own, at school or with other artists? Have you exhibited or shown your art anywhere?

Optional: If you would like to attach your artist CV in support of this section, you may do so as part of the supporting documentation for your application (Part 8).

Part 5: Personal Statement

*Maximum 1 page
(500 words)*

Your personal statement is an opportunity for you to introduce yourself to the Jury and to include any information about yourself that is not covered elsewhere in the application, and that you feel is important for the Jury to know.

Part 6: Program of Study

Proposed use of Scholarship

*Maximum 1 page
(500 words)*

Applicants to the Emerging Artist Scholarship Program must propose to do one of the following:

1) Work with an artist mentor

If you are proposing to work/study with an artist mentor, please describe what the mentor will be teaching you and what the proposed schedule would be. For example, three hours once a week for six months, two hours every day for six months, etc.

You are required to submit a letter from your mentor stating that they have agreed to mentor you and a brief description of how their knowledge and experience will assist you in your art practice.

Your mentor's Biography or Curriculum Vitae must be submitted with the other supporting documentation in Part 8 of the application form.

2) Attend a recognized school of art

Please describe the school of art you will be attending, your proposed program of study, a timeline, and description of what you hope to learn in this program.

If you choose to apply under this category, you must submit a confirmation of acceptance letter for the proposed program of study from the art school you will be attending.

You may submit this with other supporting documentation in Part 8 of the application form.

Proposed Scholarship Artwork at YVR

*Maximum 1 page
(500 words)*

Describe in detail the type of artwork that you would propose to create for exhibit at YVR. The proposed artwork will illustrate the skills and techniques you hope to learn in your proposed Program of Study.

Note: the artwork you propose to create for display at YVR must fit within the YVR display case dimensions (**43" w × 29" d × 66" h**).

Part 7: Program Budget

A balanced budget is required as part of your application. This budget may include any tuition fees, honoraria*, living expenses* and travel, among others. A budget template is provided for you in Part 7 of the application form.

If you are working with a mentor artist and intend to compensate them for their time, it is highly encouraged that you discuss and confirm your financial arrangement with them in advance of submitting this application.

The Emerging Artist Scholarship will be awarded as follows:

- 1) An initial disbursement of \$2,000 will be provided to the recipient at the Scholarship Awards Event on May 29, 2020.
- 2) \$1,000 will be provided upon receipt of the mid-year update report in November 2020;
- 3) \$1,000 will be provided upon delivery of their artwork to YVR by April 2021;
- 4) \$1,000 will be provided at the Scholarship Awards Event on May 28, 2021.

** Living Expenses in your budget may not exceed \$1,000 total.*

** Honorarium to Mentor Artist in your budget must not exceed \$1,000 total.*

Part 8: Supporting Documents

Required Documents

The following supporting documents are required as part of this application.

1) Personal Reference Letter

This can be from anyone who has known you for a number of years, other than immediate family, and who has some insight into your character and goals.

2) Artistic Reference Letter

This can be from an art teacher, mentor or individual with an art background who can speak to your artistic potential.

Note: Both reference letters must include the following information:

- *The full name of the applicant;*
- *The full names, address, and phone number of the person writing the reference;*

- *The length of time the person writing the reference has known the applicant; and*
- *The reasons why the applicant should receive this scholarship.*

3) Confirmation Letters

Depending on the Program of Study you are applying to, please submit the following:

If you propose to work with a mentor artist:

a. Mentor Artist Letter of Confirmation

This letter should be from the mentor artist you intend to work with confirming that they have agreed to work with you.

and

b. Mentor Artist Biography or CV

Maximum 2 pages

The biography or CV of the mentor artist you propose to work with.

If you propose to attend a recognized school of art:

a. Letter of Confirmation or Acceptance Letter

This letter will confirm the school you will be attending, the dates and (if applicable) the program you will be enrolled in.

Optional Documents

The following supporting document is optional to your application:

- 1) Artist CV.

Part 9 & 10: Portfolio & Portfolio Description Sheet

Your portfolio sample is an important component of your application package. It is an opportunity for you to show the Jury some of your artistic achievements.

Portfolio Guidelines:

- Include no more than **ten photographs** of your work.
- 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.

Digital Portfolio Submissions:

- If possible, name/title your photos so the document/file name corresponds with the Portfolio Description Sheet and includes your last name and the title of the work. E.g.:
 - 1_Last Name_Title of Work
 - 2_Last Name_Title of Work

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 programs@yvraf.com in advance of your submission.
- If you are submitting film or video work for your entire portfolio you may submit no more than **three 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 three photographs. For example, if you submit two videos you may only include four additional photographs in your portfolio submission.

Hard-Copy Portfolio Submissions & Portfolio Description Sheet:

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 and on the portfolio description sheet (Part 10)
- 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 ½ x 11 inches, please attach them to an 8 ½ x 11-inch sheet of paper, in order to keep the application format consistent.

How to Submit Your Application Package

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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 Thursday, January 30, 2020.**

2) Hard-copy Application Submission:

Applications submitted via **Canada Post** must be postmarked **no later than midnight, Thursday, January 30, 2020.**

Please mail completed applications to:

YVR Art Foundation
309-268 Keefer Street
Vancouver, BC V6A 1X9

Applications submitted by **hand delivery or by courier** must be received at the YVR Art Foundation Chinatown office **no later than 4:00p.m. on Thursday, January 20, 2020.**

Please deliver completed applications to:

YVR Art Foundation
309-268 Keefer Street
Vancouver, BC V6A 1X9

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 Emerging Artist Scholarship eligibility criteria or the application process, please contact:

Bridgette Badowich
Program & Administrative Coordinator
YVR Art Foundation
604.276.6261
bridgette@yvraf.com.

We also encourage you to review the FAQs on the Foundation website at:

<http://www.yvraf.com/about/faq>