

GUELPH ARTS COUNCIL

JANE GRAHAM MEMORIAL AWARD FOR VISUAL ARTISTS IN GUELPH OR WELLINGTON COUNTY

Terms of Reference

Jane Graham was a much-loved and respected visual artist living and working in the Guelph area for many years prior to her untimely death early in 2005. Donations to Guelph Arts Council in her memory made possible the creation of the Guelph Arts Council Jane Graham Memorial Fund at The Guelph Community Foundation.

With funds generated annually and granted to Guelph Arts Council from The Guelph Community Foundation, Guelph Arts Council annually offers an award for a visual artist(s) to pursue professional development opportunities that will contribute to individual personal artistic growth.

Who is Eligible

Any visual artist residing and actively practising in Guelph or Wellington County and who can demonstrate a commitment to professional artistic development is eligible to apply. Previous award *recipients* are not eligible, but previous *applicants* are encouraged to reapply. Guelph Arts Council Board and staff and members of their immediate families are ineligible.

What is Eligible

Any course, conference, apprenticeship, field trip, or other professional development learning experience that can be shown to contribute to the personal artistic growth of the applicant artist and that will be pursued *after November 15, 2016*.

Amount of Award

The amount of the award will vary each year, depending on income earned by the Jane Graham Memorial Fund at The Guelph Community Foundation. The amount will be published as far in advance of the application deadline as possible. For 2016, up to \$500 is available for awarding at the jury's discretion.

How the Award will be Determined

Each year, Guelph Arts Council will appoint an award jury consisting of one or more local visual artists, one representative from Guelph Arts Council, one representative from The Guelph Community Foundation, if available, and one representative from the Graham family, if the family so desires.

How to Apply

Applicants must complete the required application form, available in two versions: (i) *online form* or (ii) *paper form* which can be downloaded from the guelpharts.ca website and printed or picked up from the Guelph Arts Council office. If you apply on paper, you must submit **6 copies** (original + 5 copies – preferably typed) to Guelph Arts Council. *Artistic support materials are not required.*

Deadline for Application

Applications must be received **no later than September 30, 2016 – 4 p.m.** Decisions will be made and awards announced in the fall of 2016.

More Information

Guelph Arts Council

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Application Form

Name _____

Address _____

_____ (postal code)

Phone (H) _____ (B) _____ Email _____

Website (if relevant) _____

Please attach separate pages responding to all of the following:

1. Name your **medium** or area of artistic endeavour .
2. Briefly describe your **background** as a visual artist including any relevant educational background or training, exhibitions/shows, awards.
3. Describe any **short-term and long-term artistic goals** that you may have.
4. Describe the **professional development opportunity** that you wish to pursue. This could include a course, conference, apprenticeship, field trip or other learning experience that you feel will contribute to your personal artistic growth. You must include title, date(s) [*after* November 15, 2015], location, cost (attach a brochure/flyer or other printed material, and a budget*) and indicate whether you have been accepted for your chosen opportunity. Awards cannot be made for past opportunities or those that occur before award decisions are made. *Also ineligible are equipment and supplies related to everyday artistic practice.*
* NOTE: If project costs are more than award amount, indicate how you will cover remaining costs.
5. Describe how this opportunity will **enhance** your ability, work, experience as a visual artist, including how it will help you achieve your artistic goals.
6. Provide two **artistic references** who can speak to your artistic endeavours and commitment, as well as the relevance of the professional development opportunity you wish to pursue. Please include complete contact information (address, phone, email), and note their relationship to you (teacher, mentor, colleague, etc) and why you have selected them as references.

PLEASE NOTE:

- **Artistic support materials** are **NOT** required.
- **Specific information about your professional development opportunity IS required** (see #4 above).
- **Submit 6 copies**, preferably typed.
- Award recipients will be asked to submit **a one-page report** within two months of the completion of the professional development opportunity for which the application was made.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____