

BIERK ART FUND BURSARY PROGRAM FOR POST-SECONDARY STUDIES IN THE VISUAL ARTS

The Electric City Culture Council (EC3) is pleased to be offering a bursaries program for Peterborough high school students completing Grade 12 in 2019 who plan to undertake post-secondary studies in the visual arts. These bursaries are made possible with support from the Bierk Art Fund at the Community Foundation of Greater Peterborough.

The Bierk Art Fund Bursary Program will provide two bursaries of **\$1,000.00** each to graduating high school students in the City or County of Peterborough whose work demonstrates great promise (artistic merit) and who have a serious commitment to pursuing further studies in the visual arts. Winners will be selected by a jury composed of local arts professionals.

The bursaries will be presented at the **Mayor's Luncheon for the Arts**, alongside the **Peterborough Arts Awards, Friday May 24, 2019 from 11:30am to 1:30pm** at the McDonnell St Activity Centre.

Eligible students should fill out a **Bierk Art Fund Bursary Application Form** and bring their completed application and examples of their work to **Artspace (378 Aylmer St. North)** on **Saturday, May 18 between 12:00pm and 5:00pm** for a Portfolio Review. Tables and chairs will be provided for students, and jury members will spend time with each student. Please see more details below:

- Students are asked to send an email to **bierkartfundbursaries@gmail.com** to reserve a time slot.
- You will receive a confirmation email with a designated appointment time from this email address. Your appointment will be 30 minutes in length.
- By arriving on time for your designated time slot, you will help us to ensure that the jury has an equal opportunity to speak with all interested students.
- **Students who are unable to sign up in advance are welcome to drop in before 4:30 pm;** where time and space permits, they will have their portfolio reviewed by the jury.

The jury will meet to assess applicants immediately following the Portfolio Review. All applicants will be assessed on the same criteria. Successful applicants will be notified within one week and will receive a free ticket to the **Mayor's Luncheon for the Arts on May 24th 2019**, where the bursaries will be presented.

Eligibility Criteria for a Bierk Art Fund Bursary:

To be eligible for the bursary, the student must:

- Be completing their graduating year of high school in 2019
- Be living in and attending school in Peterborough or Peterborough County
- Be pursuing post-secondary education in the visual arts at a recognized college or university
- Have demonstrated great promise, interest, ambition, and ability in the visual arts.

Application Instructions:

In order to successfully apply for the bursary, students must do the following:

- Complete a Bierk Art Fund Bursary application form (see below)
- **Attend the Portfolio Review at Artspace, 378 Aylmer Street North on Saturday, May 18 (12:00pm-5:00pm)**
 - Bring 3 to 10 examples of your best work, **a completed and signed application form**, and be prepared to talk about the following subjects:
 - Your interests and experiences in the visual arts
 - Your commitment to your development as an artist
 - Your goals, short-term and long-term, as well as past achievements
 - Why you have chosen to pursue an education in the visual arts and why you believe you should be awarded a Bierk Art Fund Bursary
- **Please remember to send in a request to reserve your session!**

What is the Portfolio Review?

The Portfolio Review is a conversation between you and the bursary jurors. The artwork in your portfolio will give the jury a sense of who you are as an artist. The goal of the review is to learn about your strengths, experiences, and interests, as well as your motivation for pursuing an arts education. The jurors are in your corner and want to hear about your artistic process, vision, and goals. They may ask specific questions about the artworks in your portfolio.

What will Happen:

1. You will arrive at Artspace for your designated timeslot with a completed application form.
2. A staff person from EC3 will receive your form and invite you to set up your work at a table.
3. Members of the jury will chat with you about your work.
4. When each of the jury members have spoken with you, you are free to go!
5. Immediately following the portfolio reviews, the jury will meet as a group to select the bursary winners.
6. You will be notified via email of the outcome. Winners will be given complimentary tickets to the Mayor's Luncheon for the Arts on May 24th, 2019 where they will be presented with their bursary award.

What to Prepare:

The jury members will be judging your work based on its artistic merit. As such, you should bring in works that best represent your abilities and potential. They might reflect your current curiosities, show evidence of creativity, research, or point of view, and may vary in size, subject, and materials. Artworks that illustrate what is important to you and allow you to speak about your inspirations and ambitions are good choices!

Painting, drawing, printmaking, photography, sculpture, mixed media, book and paper arts, performance art, and films or electronic media are all acceptable submissions for review. If, for logistical reasons, you cannot bring in the original work of art, but can bring in documentation of that work, please do so (for example, a fragile sculptural piece or a piece of performance art may be best shared through photographic or video documentation). **Please note:** if your work requires audio or visual technologies, you must bring in your own equipment (laptop, speakers, media player, etc.).

Do you Need Accommodation?

Artspace has a physically accessible entrance and washroom. The Electric City Culture Council (EC3) is committed to providing accommodations for persons with disabilities. If you require a specific accommodation because of a disability or medical need, please contact Jem Woolidge at bierkartfundbursaries@gmail.com as soon as possible. Please help us make this a scent free event.

This bursary program is organized by the Electric City Culture Council (EC3), a not-for-profit organization serving the Arts, Culture and Heritage sector in Peterborough and surrounding area.

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IN THE VISUAL ARTS
APPLICATION FORM**

Name of Applicant:

Address:

Email:

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Phone Number(s):

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Please check the boxes to confirm your eligibility for a Bierk Art Fund Bursary:

I am graduating from a Peterborough-area high school in 2019

I am registered in a post-secondary arts program at a recognized college or university

Please provide a brief artist statement—i.e., what you do and why you do it.

(Please note: this is not an artist biography).

Why do you want to continue your arts education at the post secondary level?

Signature of Student:

_Date:



For Further Information Contact:

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