

FAB Weighting Framework

AWARD

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BACKGROUND

The sponsors of this award believe that education in the fine arts is important to overall well-being, especially for those with a special talent for fine arts. The Mental Health Fine Arts Bursary (FAB) Award provides support for individuals who may not be able to obtain the funds needed to support their studies because of challenges related to mental illness. The FAB Award also recognizes the efforts of individuals who can use their skills in the fine arts to support those experiencing mental illness.

DETAILS

- Value: \$1,000
- Field of study: Fine Arts (e.g., drama, music, art, creative writing)
- Program status: Full-time or part-time (including distance education)

MANDATORY BASIC CRITERIA

- At least 18-years-old
- Lives in BC or intends to live in BC for the duration of the school year
- The applicant will be enrolled in an undergraduate program in their first, second or third year of study by December 1, 2024
- Attending a recognized post-secondary institute located within BC
- No more than two (2) additional pages of supporting documents (i.e., one page front-and-back or two pages single-sided)
- All questions answered
- Letter of Intent attached (500 words maximum)
- Two references and financial information attached

Please **note** that those applicants who have won the award in the past two years are not eligible to apply again this year.

Important

****Additional points will be given according to how well each question is answered as well as the quality of details and information provided. We will be looking for applicants who provide strong and thoughtful examples and supporting details as well as tell us their story in each answer.**

MENTAL HEALTH HISTORY

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Criteria	Score
MANDATORY: A history of mental illness ¹ If this criterion is not met, application is disregarded.	Yes/No
Additional points for describing how mental illness has affected and/or influenced education.	/15

EDUCATION AND CAREER GOALS

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Criteria	Score
MANDATORY: Having career goal(s) related to the development of their skills in the field of fine arts. Fine arts include dramatic arts, creative writing, art, cinematography (videography), photography, music, and dance. Does not include vocational or trade skills (e.g., architecture, product design, furniture, fashion).	/20
Additional points for a clear passion about this career goal	/5
Additional points for a demonstrated interest, aptitude or experience in the chosen career (i.e., the applicant could cite previous training, list specific character traits or relate certain skilled hobbies)	/5

STATEMENT OF INTENT

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Criteria	Score
MANDATORY: Educational goals must be related to the development of fine arts skills for themselves and/or for others Letter must not be longer than 500 words (one standard page)	/10
Additional points if: <ul style="list-style-type: none">the path toward achieving the specified education goal is clearly outlinedmotivations, aptitudes and/or achievements are describedmental illness is described as both a barrier and an asset for the fulfillment of the educational goal	/15

¹ Which specific mental illness it is will not affect the granting decision

FINANCIAL NEED

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The reviewers will take into consideration your Financial Needs based on your answers in the application.

BUDGET

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The reviewers will assess your Budget details based on your answers in the application.

REFERENCES REQUIRED

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Criteria	Score
MANDATORY: Two non-family references.	Disqualified if criteria not met
Additional points for detailed and specific examples	/5
Additional points if referee knows applicant well and has been acquainted with applicant in the past year	/5
Additional points for the referee’s enthusiasm for the applicant’s personal strength, resilience, readiness for the course, and/or likelihood of success (i.e., not a receipt of medical treatment, an iteration of mental health history, or a re-statement of applicant’s request)	/5