



WHISTLER ARTS COUNCIL NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2016 WHISTLER STUDENT ART AWARDS AND BURSARIES

The Whistler Arts Council announces May deadlines for 2016 Student Art Awards and Student Art Bursaries.

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WHISTLER, BC – Students attending schools in Whistler and Pemberton may now apply for the Whistler Arts Council Student Art Awards and Bursaries. The Whistler Arts Council has announced that this year’s deadlines for applications are May 6 for awards and May 27 for bursaries.

In an effort to make the arts accessible to all children and youth attending elementary and secondary schools in Whistler, Pemberton and Mount Currie, the Whistler Arts Council donates awards and bursaries to deserving students.

“The Whistler Arts Council is dedicated to making the arts accessible to all children and youth in Whistler and the Pemberton Valley,” said Whistler Arts Council’s Managing Consultant Maureen Douglas. “We are proud to support the emerging talent in our communities, enabling them to pursue their chosen art form and rewarding hard work and education in the school system. Both the bursary and award programs are designed to nurture an interest in the arts.”

Since 1987 the Whistler Arts Council has recognized artistic achievement in the visual, literary, performing, and media arts as demonstrated by graduating students from elementary and secondary schools in Whistler, Pemberton and Mount Currie. Awards of \$500 are given to individuals graduating from Grade 12 and awards of \$100 are given to individuals graduating from Grade 7.

Student Art Bursaries are available to students who wish to further their studies in the visual, performing, literary, or media arts, at a credible institution or from a recognized mentor or artist. Bursaries are typically \$250 to \$500 and can contribute to tuition, accommodation and travel costs associated with studies. Applications are evaluated based on: the financial need of the student applicant or family; previous training or experience; accomplishment in the area of the arts the student plans to pursue and the credibility of the mentor artist, institute, school or program the student is attending. Families who are experiencing financial hardship are given priority.

Eligible schools include Myrtle Philip Community School, Spring Creek Community School, Whistler Secondary School, Whistler Waldorf School, Signal Hill Elementary School, Pemberton Secondary School, École La Passerelle Whistler, l'École de La Vallée de Pemberton, and Xit'olacw Community School.

Award and bursary applications can be downloaded online at artswhistler.com.

DEADLINES

Friday, May 6, 2016 at 4pm Student Art Awards application deadline

Friday, May 27, 2016 at 4pm Student Art Bursaries application deadline

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ABOUT THE WHISTLER ARTS COUNCIL

The Whistler Arts Council has been the premier arts advocacy organization in Whistler since 1982, supporting local artists and organizations to develop arts programs, and promoting Whistler as a unique destination for cultural tourism. A respected community stakeholder and non-profit organization, the Whistler Arts Council leverages strategic government and business partnerships to increase community engagement and opportunities through year-round festivals, events, and arts programs. Annual signature events include ArtWalk, Whistler Children's Festival, Bizarre Bazaar, Whistler Art Workshops, Whistler Street Entertainment, and the Performance Series.

The Whistler Arts Council operates Maurice Young Millennium Place which is open daily with free admission. Millennium Place features The Gallery, which hosts rotating exhibitions by local artists and The Gift Shop, showcasing handmade creations by local artisans. It also features a 238-seat theatre, a soundproof Boardroom and other meeting spaces, and the Youth Centre. Millennium Place truly is Whistler's hub for arts and culture, right in the heart of Whistler Village.

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