

SSAC Post-secondary Award

Overview	
Application Deadline	April 1
Results announced	At the GISS graduation ceremonies
Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant/applicant's parents - Gulf Islands Residents (see below) • Intend to pursue a program of studies in the performing, visual or creative arts in a recognized Canadian post-secondary institution. • Intend to be registered full time in the fall term following the application date
Grant/Award levels	Up to 2 awards of \$1000 each awarded each year
Required components of an application	Completed application form Transcript of academic achievement Evidence of artistic ability (e.g. portfolio) Two letters of reference

Objectives

To assist students with demonstrated artistic talent to undertake studies in the performing or visual arts following their graduation from secondary school.

Description

This program recognizes and encourages emerging artistic talent and creativity in the visual and performing arts among Gulf Islands youth. It is intended to lower the financial barriers of access to post-secondary education in the arts at a Canadian university or college directly following graduation from secondary school through provision of a \$1,000 scholarship award. This award is not renewable.

Eligibility

Applicant eligibility

Applicants must:

- Have been residents of the Gulf Islands (SD 64) for at least 1 calendar year prior to June 1 of the year of application

or

- Have parents who have been full time residents of the Gulf Islands (SD 64) for at least 1 calendar year prior to June 1 of the year of application

Activity eligibility

Applicants must

- Intend to pursue a program of studies in the performing, visual or creative arts in a recognized Canadian post-secondary institution.
- Intend to be registered full time in the fall term following the application date

Application Procedures

Applications are to be submitted to the SSAC by April 1 of the year of planned enrolment in a post-secondary education institution (normally to commence in the Fall of that year). An application must contain the following elements:

1. A completed application form. Note – this form provides the opportunity for the applicant to address the various criteria outlined below.

2. A transcript of academic achievement.
3. Evidence of artistic ability (e.g. portfolio, video, and/or CD/DVD). Material must be documentation on artworks or excerpts of artworks that the applicant has created or co-created.
4. Two letters of reference.

Electronic submission of applications is encouraged (to info@ssartscouncil.com). An electronic application may be accompanied by a “hard copy” artist’s portfolio that is sent under separate cover to the address below. Please refer to the separate submission in the application if this is the case.

Completed hard copy application packages should be sent to:

Salt Spring Arts Council
Attention Grants and Awards Cttee
114 Rainbow Road
Salt Spring Island BC
V8K 2V5

Portfolio application materials are retained at the Council office in Mahon Hall for up to 1 year and may be reclaimed after the awards are announced. Please contact the office at 250 537-0899 to make an appointment to reclaim the application materials.

Evaluation

Applications are evaluated by the Grants and Awards Committee of the SSAC on the following criteria:

- Artistic capability and commitment as demonstrated by a portfolio of work and related activities
- Potential that the chosen course will advance the student’s artistic career
- Likelihood that the student will be accepted into the program of choice
- Community engagement and contributions
- Evidence of financial need

The Council reserves the right to withhold an award if no suitable applicant is forthcoming or to combine or to divide the awards in any manner it deems necessary to benefit students.

Value, Duration and Release of Funds

Awards are normally in the amount of \$1,000, tenable over a period of 1 year.

Awards are disbursed in two equal installments, the first in the Fall term/semester and the second in the Spring term/semester, of the academic year of the award on receipt by the Council of proof of registration by the student. The first installment of the Award must be claimed by the end of January in the year immediately following the year of award and the balance by the end of June of the same year. In exceptional circumstances, the Council may grant a request for an extension of up to one year.

Reporting

Recipients of the award are expected to report on their academic achievement for the year of the award and to describe the implications of the educational experience for their intended career directions.