

## Edmonton Artists' Trust Fund

Deadline: September 1 (when September 1 falls on a holiday or weekend, the deadline is the next business day). The deadline in 2018 is Tuesday, September 4, 2018.

The Edmonton Artists' Trust Fund (EATF) is a joint project of the Edmonton Arts Council and Edmonton Community Foundation. The EATF invests in the creative community by alleviating living and working expenses, allowing exceptional local artists to devote time to their artistic career.

The EATF was established in 1997 by John and Barbara Poole, Edmonton Community Foundation (through a transfer of funds from the ECF's Community Fund) and the Clifford E. Lee Foundation. For the 2018 deadline, ten \$15,000 awards are available (thanks to the Foote Foundation established by Eldon and Anne Foote for additional funding support in 2018).

### Funds are intended to support:

Artists at all stages of their professional careers, in all fields and any artistic tradition, who demonstrate excellence in their field and commitment to working in and contributing to the Edmonton region's arts community.

### Funds are not intended to support:

Formal academic work or artists who primarily work outside the Edmonton region.

### Eligibility

Nominated artists must:

- Be 18 years of age or older.
- Be a resident of the greater Edmonton region (City of Edmonton and the surrounding municipalities and counties of Sturgeon, Parkland, Leduc, Beaumont, St. Albert Fort Saskatchewan, and Strathcona) for at least one year prior to the application deadline. Proof of residency may be required.
- Be a Canadian citizen or Permanent Resident.

Artists who have overdue Edmonton Arts Council final reports will not be eligible.

### Evaluation

A multidisciplinary peer jury appointed by the Edmonton Arts Council will evaluate all nominations. That jury will include artists and arts professionals chosen for their skills, knowledge, and abilities. EAC juries are recruited to reflect the full demographic diversity of Edmonton over time. Jury award recommendations will be forwarded to the Edmonton Arts Council board for approval. EATF award decisions are final.

The jury will be guided by the all the text in these guidelines and the following evaluation criteria:

- The nominee's demonstrated commitment to and achievement of excellence in their artistic practice.
- The nominee's demonstrated past connection to and (or) potential future impact on the Edmonton region.
- The potential impact of the award on the career or artistic practice of the nominee.

The Edmonton Arts Council charges jury panels to respect and consider the specific cultural context of applications from all cultural communities, and in the case of equivalent merits based on the published guidelines, to consider and incorporate the Edmonton Arts Council's policy of reflecting the full demographic diversity of Edmonton before making grant recommendations.

### More Information

For information or clarification on any aspect of your nomination please contact: Stephen Williams, Edmonton Arts Council Grants, Awards & Support Programs Director, at (780) 424-2787 ext. 225 or email [swilliams@edmontonarts.ca](mailto:swilliams@edmontonarts.ca).

For general information on the Edmonton Artists' Trust Fund please visit our website at [edmontonarts.ca](http://edmontonarts.ca)

## **Nomination**

Nominators must be a member of the local arts and/or cultural community who can speak to the nominee's merits, ability and impact in their field.

Nominators must mail in or deliver a hard-copy, signed Nomination Letter (section 1 below) to the Edmonton Arts Council that is received on or before the deadline date. Letters will be accepted until the end of business day (4:30pm).

The remaining items (sections 2, 3 and 4 listed below) must be uploaded as standard PDF documents to the EAC online Grants system at: [eacawards.fluidreview.com](http://eacawards.fluidreview.com) by 11:59 p.m. on the deadline date.

Late nominations or those that do not include all of the following will be considered incomplete and will not be assessed.

### **1. Nomination Letter – Hard Copy**

- 1.1 A letter of nomination which outlines: the nominee's contributions to the arts community; how the nominee has influenced their peers and/or other artists; and, the significance of the nominee's work to the citizens of the Edmonton region. This letter should be addressed specifically to the EATF Assessment Committee and arrive, by mail or delivered in person, at the Edmonton Arts Council offices on or before the application deadline.

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### **2. Background of the Nominee**

Please limit to four (4) pages and include the following:

- 2.1 A curriculum vitae or artistic resume that includes details of the nominee's career and training to date.
- 2.2 A description of the nominee's artistic involvement in the Edmonton region community.

### **3. Artist Statement**

Please limit to two (2) pages and include the following:

- 3.1 A description of the nominee's long-term artistic vision and goals.
- 3.2 A description of the potential short-term impact of an EATF award on the nominee's artistic life.

### **4. Support Material**

- 4.1 Include artistic support material demonstrating the nominee's work, please do not submit originals.
  - Digital files are preferred and will be accepted in common digital file formats. Ensure that files are well-labeled so that jury members can easily access the correct material.
  - Please limit materials to no more than 10 minutes in length, 10 printed pages or 10 digital images (or a reasonable combination thereof).
  - Support materials can be easily provided in links to online resources such as: video streaming (Vimeo or Youtube), host sites for images, text documents (e.g. manuscripts) or MP3 files.
- 4.2 OPTIONAL a 250 character description of the support materials.
- 4.3 OPTIONAL a maximum of two (2) additional letters of support.

### **Tips to consider when nominating for an EATF Award**

- Read the guidelines carefully and understand the criteria.
- Consider this an award intended to recognize an Edmonton and area artist. The financial investment is intended to provide stability for the artist to renew, develop, create or experiment.
- Do not submit a budget. Award amounts are fixed at \$15,000.
- Include artistic support material such as audio, video, text or images.
- This program is limited to residents of the greater Edmonton region, which includes the City of Edmonton and the Counties of Sturgeon, Parkland, Leduc and Strathcona. Applicants may be asked to provide a copy of their most recent Notice of Assessment from the Canada Revenue Agency as proof of residency.