

## **RBC ARTS ACCESS AWARD FOR NEWCOMER ARTISTS**

RBC Arts Access Award is an award program for newcomer artists presented by RBC Foundation and Toronto Arts Foundation and administered by Neighbourhood Arts Network.

The RBC Arts Access Award is designed to support newcomer artists across Toronto and The Greater Toronto Area (GTA). Awards range from \$500 to \$1,500 and support costs associated with arts projects, such as artist fees, art supplies, equipment rental, space rental and food costs for a workshop or event. Additionally, awards may also support professional development, training and mentorship requests for newcomer artists looking to improve their skills.

### **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

#### **Nominee must be:**

- Newcomer who has been in Canada for no more than 7 years
- Canadian Citizen, **or** Permanent Resident (Landed Immigrant), **or** have an application pending for Permanent Resident status, **or** be a Protected Person (approved refugee claimant)
- Over 18 years old
- Live in the City of Toronto or GTA (Halton, Peel, York and Durham municipalities)
- A member of Neighbourhood Arts Network

*Artists may receive only one RBC Arts Access Fund award per year.*

### **SELECTION PROCESS**

A jury of up to 5 members will review nominations and make recipient recommendations. Jury members are selected for their expertise, credibility and experience along with a sense of history and perspective. Each jury is comprised of community-engaged artists, newcomer artists and community leaders.

### **ASSESSMENT CRITERIA**

Awards will be awarded based on the following criteria:

1. What is the potential impact of the proposed project on the artist and/or community?
2. Does the artist have the ability and resources to carry out the project as described?

For those requesting paid mentorship and training support:

1. How will the mentorship or training support the development of your work as an artist?

**DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS | October 15, 2019 at 11:59pm**



## **QUESTIONS?**

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## **ABOUT US**

The Toronto Arts Foundation, a charitable organization, provides the opportunity for individuals, private and public foundations, corporations and government agencies to invest in and strengthen the arts in Toronto. We are powered by a vision: Creative City: Block by Block, a commitment to connect every Toronto neighbourhood to the transformative social and economic benefits of the arts. Through sponsorships, legacy gifts and donations to our Creative City Funds, Toronto Arts Foundation gives voice to the arts, shines the spotlight on Toronto's exceptional talent, and connects communities to the arts.

A strategic initiative of the Toronto Arts Foundation, the Neighbourhood Arts Network is the place where arts and community engagement meet in Toronto. We catalyze new discussions and relationships. We collect research and share information. We help artists and community organizations do what they do best: enrich Toronto and transform it into a more vibrant, beautiful, liveable city. To learn more, please visit [www.neighbourhoodartsnetwork.org](http://www.neighbourhoodartsnetwork.org)