

Application 2008 Strait Regional School Board

On behalf of the trustees of the Norma Bernard Endowment for the Arts, we are pleased to request applications for the 2008 award.

The Award

The Norma Bernard Endowment for the Arts is an award in the form of a grant for high school students (Grades 10-12) in Strait Regional School Board. The award seeks to provide one deserving student with financial resources to undertake a project or learning activity in areas including but not limited to:

- Painting, printing, photography, graphic design, drama or other visual art;
- Play-writing, screen-writing, print or web communications, written or broadcast journalism, writing, or film;
- Fashion design, textiles or other craft;
- Advocacy activities related to the promotion of the arts in the broadest sense.

The Selection Committee is looking for innovative projects that aim to provide a learning experience not readily available within the formal and non-formal curricula within the Strait Region.

Criteria

In order to be considered, the applicant must:

- Be a high school student (Grades 10-12) within the Strait Regional School Board during the 2008 school year;
- Submit a 1-page letter of interest describing why the project and applicant should be chosen for the award. Please provide relevant identifying information (name, grade, mailing address, e-mail, telephone).
- Submit a 2-5 page proposal (including a budget and timeline), describing the activity or undertaking, including expected outcomes and ways in which the school and broader community may benefit or be engaged by the project (examples may include an art show, distribution of a written publication, etc.). Proposals may be in alternate forms (e.g., video, audio, CD-ROM), however, a 1-2 page summary must also be provided.
- Submit an up-to-date CV (maximum of 2 pages) demonstrating interests, community involvement, voluntarism, and work/academic experience.
- Identify one teacher who will provide advice and general oversight to the progress of the work.
- Submit two letters of reference.
- One reference must be provided by a teacher. Referees must be able to comment on interest, skill, aptitude, and personal excellence.

- Academic excellence is *not* a formal criteria for the award.
- Applications may be submitted in English or French.

Responsibilities of the Recipient

- The trustees may withhold a portion of the award until a satisfactory report is received.

Selection

The Selection Committee will consist of:

- one member of the family of the late Norma Bernard;
- one community member selected by the administration of Strait Regional School Board;
- one member of the Board of Directors of Strathspey Place;
- one member of the Inverness County Council for the Arts;
- manager of Strathspey Place.

Applications from under-represented groups are encouraged. The Committee encourages applications from all people regardless of age, gender, race, cultural identity, language, ethnicity, religion, or sexual orientation.

Under certain circumstances and at the discretion of the Selection Committee and the Trustees, an award may not be disbursed.

Timeline

Applications must be received by Linda Rankin, Strathspey Place, on or before November 21, 2008.

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