

Judith Youshock Artist Grant Program Application

About First Friday Scranton

First Friday Scranton is The City's recurring arts event, designed to promote art and music and support our local businesses. On the first Friday of the month, the downtown comes alive with concurrent art exhibits, music performances and street vendors. With more than 30 participating venues each month, First Friday Scranton brings thousands of patrons into Downtown Scranton.

This family friendly event started as a grassroots campaign in which a few galleries hosted opening exhibits on the same night. Today, the city is abuzz on First Fridays with patrons walking from venue to venue and enjoying free trolley rides.

First Friday Scranton is run by a dedicated board of volunteers who organize and promote the monthly art walks, as well as special events like our annual art auction. The organization is generously supported by Lackawanna County and members of the community.

About the Judith Youshock Artist Grant Program

First Friday Scranton is committed to encouraging budding artists and fostering artistic talent in Lackawanna County. In an effort to encourage local artists to create art and display their work at participating First Friday Scranton venues, First Friday Scranton has created the Judith Youshock Artist Grant program.

This grant program was created in honor of the spirit and energy of Judith Youshock, one of First Friday Scranton's founding members. Judy always has been, and still is, a force within the local artist community and is still active in First Friday Scranton today. The goal of this grant program is to encourage the next group of community minded artists, like Judy.

We are seeking applications for artist minigrants that will be targeted to artists looking to create art to be displayed during a First Friday at a participating venue. This grant is being created with the spirit and energy that helped shape First Friday years ago. That person, Judith Youshock, whom this grant is named for, is still a force within the art community. It is the next group of community minded artists, like Judy, that we hope to support with this program. We will be awarding 3 grants of \$300 a piece to artists 19 years old and older and 3 grants of \$100 a piece to artists 18 and younger. Our goal is to provide these grants three times throughout the year. As a result those applicants who were not selected are encouraged to reapply in subsequent rounds.

The program will award grants three times per year in the following categories:

- Three \$300 grants to artists ages 19 and older
- Three \$100 grants to artists ages 18 and younger

Grant funds may be used to recoup costs of materials and creative expenses incurred by the applicant.

The selected submissions will be chosen by a grant panel. Each selected submission must also secure an exhibition from a participating First Friday venue.

Applicants who are not selected for a grant are encouraged to re-submit their application in upcoming application rounds.

General Instructions

1. Eligibility

All artists who live or work within a 100 mile radius of Scranton, Pennsylvania, are eligible to apply. We expect a high number of applicants. If your submission is not selected, please consider resubmitting your application for the next funding round. Additionally, First Friday Scranton reserves the right to not award grants.

2. Entries

Entries can be submitted in the following media: Painting (oil, acrylic, pastels, and watercolor), Three-Dimensional, Photography, Fibers, and Mixed Media. Works will be selected on the basis of originality and execution and reviewed from digital images only. Slides will not be accepted. The images must bear an accurate and fair representation of the artwork. Each artist may submit up to three works in each funding round. (Refer to guidelines in Digital Image Submission section.)

3. Awards

Awards will be given out in two age groups; Three \$300 artist grants to artists ages 19 and older and three \$100 youth artist grants to artists up to age 18.

Artists may only receive one grant award per year.

4. Notification of Selection

Selected applicants will be notified via email and phone. Selected applicants through their acceptance of the award grant First Friday Scranton license to utilize digital representations of the artists' work for promotional materials.

5. Application and Deadline

Complete applications with all accompanying materials must be received by the following grant funding deadlines:

- Round 1: November 15, 2013
- Round 2: February 15, 2014
- Round 3: August 15, 2014

Application Process 19+ Older

All submissions are to include the following items:

1. Artist Statement – In a document, the artist should explain, justify, extend, and/or contextualize his or her body of work. The statement serves to show how the artist will be utilizing to the award to create a body of work. (200 words maximum)
2. Resume – Academic and/or professional
3. Letter of Exhibition – Letter of Intent from a venue found within First Friday Scranton’s footprint of Jefferson Avenue, Mifflin Avenue, Bogart Court (Behind Lackawanna Avenue) and Vine Street expressing the artist’s intent to exhibit their work within one calendar year and the venues intent to honor that show within reason and without putting undue burden on the venue.
4. Digital Image Submission - Digital images on a CD/DVD are required to jury the work. Slides will not be accepted. Digital images in removable drives, peripheral hardware, and/or e-mails will not be accepted. The CD/DVD must be labeled clearly with the artist’s name and “First Friday Scranton Grant.” Images must be saved as high resolution JPG files with the long dimension of the image sized to 2,250 pixels and 300 dpi. Each image file must be named with a number from 1 to 5, accordingly, and the file extension JPG.
***If you wish to have your CD returned please include a SASE.*

Submission of Grant Application

1. Mail to:

First Friday Scranton
Judith Youshock Artist Grant
P.O. Box 20032
Scranton, PA 18502

2. Submissions must be received by:

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Questions

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