

Appraisal Form

Emerging Artist Award 2026

The Red Deer Arts Council established the Emerging Artist Award to support and encourage promising early career artists, raising the profile of arts and creativity in Red Deer and stimulating, developing, and promoting the arts in our community. Practicing artists who meet the criteria established by the Red Deer Arts Council may apply for this award. The Red Deer Emerging Arts Award is awarded annually, with the inaugural prize presented in 2014. The Award consists of \$1,000 and a certificate.

You have been named by the Applicant as someone knowledgeable about them and prepared to give an appraisal of his/her/their work. We ask that you return this completed form directly to the Red Deer Arts Council (*not via the Applicant*). Your appraisal of this applicant will remain confidential to the adjudicators and program staff.

Please complete Parts A, B, and C below.

Application Annual Deadline: April 1

This applicant is applying for the Red Deer Emerging Artist Award. The Red Deer Arts Council's definition of an eligible Emerging Artist is:

- A Canadian citizen or a permanent resident (in Canada for 2 or more years).
- A resident of Red Deer or the Central Zone who has pursued their chosen art form within the Red Deer area for at least two years, or an individual who has spent a significant and formative period of their development in Red Deer and who has the intent or desire to contribute to the artistic community of Red Deer in the future.
- Finished with their formal (college or university) education, training, apprenticeship and/or has a recognized modest body of work in the arts discipline.
- Meets one or more of the following requirements:
 - is at an early stage in their artistic career and has been practicing their art for a minimum of two years,
 - is dedicated to the professional practice of the art, as evidenced by a significant investment of time and resources,
 - has created a modest body of independent work and has a history of public presentation or publication,
 - is recognized as an artist by others working in the same artistic tradition.

For the purposes of this award, "Arts" includes:

The **Performing Arts**, including without limitation: the creators, composers, choreographers, interpreters, and performers in music, dance, theatre, and opera.

The **Visual Arts**, including without limitation: painting, printmaking, sculpture, performance and installation of art, photography, new media, and fine craft.

The **Cinematic Arts**, including without limitations: film and video drama, documentary, and art film / video.

The **Literary Arts**, including without limitation: fiction including novel, short story, blended genres, poetry, and drama.

Applicant's Name _____

A. Would you say that this applicant meets the Red Deer Arts Council's criteria of emerging artists?

YES___ NO___

If no, please explain:

Your statements will remain confidential. If you are completing a hard copy of this form, please use black ink and write legibly.

Note: *If you deem the Applicant not to meet the definition of Emerging Artist given above, there is no need to complete the remainder of the Appraisal. Please return this form to the Red Deer Arts Council as soon as possible. See instructions at end of document.*

B. To assist the adjudication panel in its review of this application, you are asked to comment below on the following: *(Please add pages as needed.)*

1. Artistic merit of the applicant's work:

2. Applicant's potential to develop into a mature artist:

3. On a scale of 1 to 5, where **1 = Below the Norm** and **5 = Outstanding**, how do you rate the artistic merit of the Applicant's current work in comparison with all other artists you have known at the emerging stage of their careers? *Circle one and comment below.*

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Comments are needed, please add here:

4. On a scale of 1 to 5, where **1 = Below the Norm** and **5 = Outstanding**, how do you rate the artistic potential of the Applicant in comparison with all other artists you have known at the emerging stage of their careers? *Circle one and comment below.*

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Comments are needed, please add here:

C. I have known the candidate for ____ years / ____ months in my capacity as:

Name of Appraiser:

Field of Artistic
Endeavour:

Position or Occupation:

Email:

Telephone Number:

Signature:

Date:

To ensure that your appraisal of the applicant remains confidential, please return this appraisal form directly to the Red Deer Arts Council, **not the Applicant.**

Digital signatures are accepted. Please complete scan and email to info@reddeerartscouncil.ca.

or mail / deliver hard copy to:

Red Deer Arts Council
Attention: Red Deer Arts Council Emerging Artist Award
6 – 4919 49 Street
Red Deer, AB T4N 1V1

For the Applicant's application package to be considered, your Appraisal needs to be received by the Red Deer Arts Council by the annual application deadline of April 1st or next business day if it falls on a stat or weekend.

Thank you for your contribution. If you have any questions about the Appraisal for the Red Deer Arts Council Emerging Artist Award, please contact Suzanne Hermary, Executive Director at info@reddeerartscouncil.ca or by telephone at (403) 348-2787.