



JOYSANNE SIDIMUS SUBSIDY PROGRAM

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GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS

Overview

The Artists' Health Centre Foundation (the "Foundation") works in partnership with Toronto Western Hospital in running programs and services at the Al and Malka Green Artists' Health Centre ("AHC"), a health care facility offering medical and allied health care resources to professional artists from all disciplines.

The Foundation has established a fund to assist artists with low incomes to pay for the fee-for-service treatments offered at the AHC. The fund provides limited subsidies to eligible professional Canadian artists (from all arts disciplines) with occupationally related health care needs to be applied toward the cost of treatments at the AHC that are not covered by public or private health insurance plans. When funds allow, subsidies are also provided for full-time students in recognized post-secondary professional arts training programs.

Funds for the subsidy program are raised by the Foundation on an ongoing basis through fundraising events and through the generosity of our private donors. Due to the nature of the funding for this program, eligibility criteria and levels of subsidy are reviewed on a periodic basis and may be revised based on the availability of funds.

Eligibility Criteria

- Applicants must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada, or have an approved work visa with a professional arts organization.
- Applicants must provide a professional resume, and in addition must either be members of a professional artists' association or qualify as professional artists under the definition established by the Canadian Artist Code of the Status of the Artist Committee (See Appendix A). If you are unsure whether you qualify under the Code, contact the AHC. Full-time students in recognized post-secondary professional arts training programs must provide proof of registration in the program.
- Applicants applying for psychotherapy services must first contact the AHC to book a psychotherapy appointment (416.603.5263). The date of the appointment must be

included on the Subsidy Application form. Applications requesting subsidy for psychotherapy services without a scheduled appointment will not be processed.

- Treatments must be occupationally related, that is, must involve treatment for an illness, injury, or psychological problem that prevents or hinders the artist from working in their artistic profession.
- Private health care plan benefits or any additional sources of financial aid available to the artist must be used in full prior to applying to the subsidy program.
- Subsidy funds will only be provided once an application has been approved.

Assessment Criteria

Applications will be assessed according to:

- financial need
- whether or not the injury or illness prevents or hinders the artist from working
- availability of subsidy funds

Assessment Policies

- Prior to receiving subsidized treatments, the applicant will be required to undergo an assessment by the AHC Primary Care Nurse Practitioner. If the applicant is already being treated by an AHC practitioner, they may book an appointment directly with that practitioner.
- All applicants are treated with respect and understanding, and all information provided is kept strictly confidential.
- Applications are reviewed by Subsidy Committee members for eligibility according to the program criteria set by the Artists' Health Centre Foundation.

Application Deadline and Artist Notification

- Applicants must apply before the treatment plan begins. Retroactive funding is not available.
- Applicants will be notified in writing within two weeks of receipt of completed applications.

Subsidy Payment

- Subsidy level is up to 75% of the practitioners' fees.
- The maximum subsidy for each twelve-month period will be \$750.00 for each artist. Unused portions of a subsidy cannot be rolled over into the next twelve-month period.
- AHC will pay the subsidy directly to the Artists' Health Centre practitioner. The artist will be requested to pay the balance of the practitioner fee to the AHC at the time of treatment. **Failure to pay clients' portion of the practitioner fee will result in suspension of subsidy benefits.**

Financial Criteria

Refer to Appendix B for current financial criteria.

How to Apply

Applicants must complete and submit the Application Form, and provide the required information and documents. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Mail or Fax Application to:

Joysanne Sidimus Subsidy Program
Artists' Health Centre Foundation
The Lynda Hamilton Centre
250 The Esplanade, Suite 500
Toronto, Ontario M5A 1J2
416.351.0239 phone
416.595.0009 fax

For further information, contact:

Artists' Health Centre Foundation
Phone: 416.351.0239
Email: info@ahcf.ca

Subsidy forms and information are also available online at www.ahcf.ca

APPENDIX A: Eligibility as a Professional Artist

The following criteria which are based on federal Status of the Artist legislation are used to determine eligibility as a professional artist.

Professional Recognition of Artists

Source: Canadian Artist Code of the Status of the Artist Committee

Four of the following criteria, **one** of which must be **(d)**, **(e)**, or **(g)**, must be met in order to be considered a professional artist:

- (a) the fact that an artist has presented his/her work to the public by means of a reasonable number of exhibitions, publications, performances, readings, screenings, or by any other means appropriate to the nature of his/her work;
- (b) the fact that an artist is represented by a dealer, publisher, agent, or similar representative appropriate to the nature of her/his work;
- (c) the fact that an artist devotes a reasonable proportion of his/her professional time as an artist to promoting or marketing his/her work, including, but not limited to, presenting himself/herself for auditions, seeking sponsorship, agents or engagements, or similar activities appropriate to the nature of his/her work;
- (d) the fact that an artist receives or has received, compensation from her/his work including, but not limited to, sales, fees, commissions, salaries, royalties, grants, and awards, any of which may be reasonably be included as professional or business income;
- (e) the fact that an artist has a record of income or loss relevant to the exploitation of his/her work and appropriate to the span of his/her artistic career;
- (f) the fact that an artist has received professional training either in an recognized professional educational institution or over an appropriate length of time from a teacher recognized within her/his profession;
- (g) the fact that an artist has received public or peer recognition in the form of honours, awards, professional prizes or by publicly disseminated critical appraisal;
- (h) the fact that an artist has membership in a professional association appropriate to his/her artistic activity whose membership or categories of membership, is or are, limited under standards established by the association; or which is a trade union or its equivalent appropriate to his/her artistic activity.

APPENDIX B: Financial Criteria for Subsidy of Artists' Health Centre Services

The following table outlines the income levels and household size that are used to establish eligibility for subsidy for Artists' Health Centre services. In the table below, taxable income refers to **net** professional income added to any other employment income (line 150 on your tax return). **Notices of Assessment for all household wage earners must accompany subsidy applications.**

Taxable Household Income refers to the combined taxable incomes of all household wage earners. **Number of Household Members** refers to the number of family members in the applicant's household.

Number of Household Members	To Qualify for Subsidy, Taxable Household Income Must Be At or Below the Following Levels:
1	\$25,000
2	\$25,001 - \$30,000
3	\$30,001 - \$35,000
4	\$35,001 - \$40,000
5	\$40,001 - \$45,000
6	\$45,001 - \$50,000
7	\$50,001 - \$55,000