

What to Expect with the Online Application

The online Membership Application will prompt you for the following:

1. Basic personal information
2. Upload CV (see requirements below)
3. Upload and describe 15 images of your artwork (see requirements below)

Curriculum Vitae (CV) Jurying Required Information

You will be prompted to upload your CV. It should be in MS Word or Adobe format and named "Artist Name CV" for example "Samantha Schmidt CV"

The Jury committee is looking for the information listed below, so if applicable, include it in your CV. Your artistic experience and background are given as much consideration during the process as your body of work. If some of this information doesn't apply to you, that's ok. Becoming a professional artist is a journey that has many variations.

1. Contact Info
 - Name
 - Address *you must be a resident of Manitoba to qualify for Membership.
 - Occupation,
 - Phone/cell numbers and
 - Email address
2. Artist Statement/Vision
3. Artist Biography
4. Artistic Educational Background
 - graduated from, enrolled in, major workshops, etc.
5. Medium
6. Awards, Grants, Public Recognition, or other Accomplishments
7. Public, Corporate or Private Collections and Galleries
8. Professional Associations
9. Exhibitions
10. Juried Exhibitions
11. Related activities in the artist community
 - teaching, instructing workshops, volunteerism, jurying experience, etc.
12. Volunteering Interests
 - how would you contribute to the MSA?
 - Do you have other skills you would like us to know about?
13. Motivation
 - A brief statement stating why you would like to be a member of the MSA?

Original Artwork Criteria

- Work submitted must be the original and unaided work of the Artist.
- Work submitted must not be copied from other artists' work or photographs.
- Artist is responsible to warrant that they own the copyright to the work entered.
- Work must have been completed within the last three years.

The applicant will have to confirm that submitted artwork meets the above criteria.

Images of Your Artwork

The online Membership Application will prompt for:

- 15 images of your artwork.
- A description for each image with the following format:
 - Artist Name, Title, Medium, Size, Year Completed
eg) Samantha Jones, Splash, Oil on Panel, 20x16, 2023
- Size is measured Height x Width, e.g., 8x10 is landscape, and 10x8 is portrait.
- Image size should be around 1.5MB to 2.5 MB
- Images should be in jpg or jpeg format

Volunteering

The application will provide you with an opportunity to indicate your volunteering interests. Put your knowledge, skills and passion to good use in the MSA. Connect with other artists while doing something meaningful to you.

The Membership Application has a section to indicate areas you would like to volunteer. Volunteering is flexible, whether you have a few hours a month, or to help with a show, or other skills and expertise.

Processing Times & Notification

The Jury Committee meets three times yearly (January, May and September) to consider applicants for membership. The Jury Committee is comprised of professional artists from across the province who volunteer their time. It generally takes about a month for the Jury Committee to meet and evaluate all the applicants. The cut-off dates for applying are January 1, May 1 and September 1.

More Tips for a Strong Application

The Presentation Of Your Application Is Important

Take the same care as you would entering an online juried exhibition. If you are new to this, then it is a great time to learn. Properly cropping images of art, naming images, and writing an artist statement are skills used many times in an art career.

Gather All Your Information

- Start before the deadline so that you have a chance to spot and correct any mistakes, or word things “better”.
- Choose your “best” artwork. Take time to curate your work and select only the best 15 to submit.
- Submit what you are strong in. Artists often experiment and learn different mediums, but for this application only send photos of your strongest work.

Write Your Artist Statement/Vision

Take time writing your artist statement. An artist statement should guide the jury to a better understanding of your artwork and yourself as an artist. Include a vision of where it is now and where you want to see it in the future. Do not include references to outside sources like your social media. Double check spelling and grammar.

Photograph Your Art

- Take photos of your art with the best camera you have.
- Learn a few features like how to display the “grid” when taking a photo. The grid makes it easier to get the edges straight.
- Avoid any shadows showing in your photo. If you do not have proper lighting, try taking photos outside in a shady area, or in the shaded part of a sunlit room.
- For artwork that is 3D or an unusual shape, use a plain, non-distracting background.



Crop Your Images

- so that only the artwork is showing, and the photo is level.
- For artwork that is round or 3D, crop out as much background as possible.
- The crop feature is a standard feature in photo editing software, whether free or paid.

Learn How By Searching the Internet

Here are some suggestions on internet/YouTube searches to help you put together your application:

- “How do I crop images on my cell phone?”
- “How do I crop images with Windows?”
- “How do I write an artist statement?”
- “How do I rename images with my cell phone?”
- “How do I photograph my art?”

Questions?

If you have more questions, feel free to contact the MSA at info@manitobaartists.com