

MSA Eligibility, Terms, and Conditions of Entry

INTRODUCTION

This document describes the Eligibility, Terms, and Conditions of Entry (ETCE) for the current Call for MSA Membership. Please read carefully to ensure that your application will be eligible for jurying. The ETCE will be updated for each Call for membership or exhibition. There are five sections to this document:

1. Eligibility
2. Terms and Conditions of Entry
3. Your Curriculum Vitae (CV)
4. Jurying Process and Scoring Rubric
5. Important Dates and Information

1. ELIGIBILITY

MSA membership is open to all artists who are living in Manitoba.

2. TERMS and CONDITIONS of ENTRY

Applicants must verify that their submitted work meets the following:

1. All work must have been completed in the previous 5 years (on or after January 1, 2021).
2. All work must be original artwork and must NOT be copies or derivatives of any other person's work or photography (in any media, whether copyrighted or not). NOTE: If you use reference photos, you must have taken the photo.
3. All work must be solely created by the applicant, without guidance from an instructor or mentor.
4. All media must be clearly identified, and may include techniques such as: Painting, Drawing, Printmaking, Sculpture, Fiber Art, Mixed Media, Photography, and Digital Art.
5. Artwork generated using an artificial intelligence (AI) platform is NOT permitted.
6. If you create recognizable likenesses of people, you must have verifiable consent and/or model release forms.
7. As part of our due diligence process to ensure fairness and transparency, we may request the following documentation to verify compliance with our entry terms:
 - a) Photos of Your Artwork in Progress: Images showing the development stages of your artwork.
 - b) Source Material: This may include original sketches, reference photographs, or other materials demonstrating that the work is your own creation and not derivative of other copyrighted works.
 - c) Consent Forms/ Model Release (if applicable). If you create recognizable likenesses of people, you may be required to provide verifiable consent and/or model release forms.
 - d) Additional Information (if applicable): Any supplementary details or materials that support the originality of your artwork.
8. A non-refundable application fee of \$40 will be 100% reinvested into upcoming MSA prize funds.
9. For questions about any of the ETCE, please contact the MSA at info@manitobasocietyofartists.com no later than 2 days prior to the deadline. Submissions that do not comply with the aforementioned Eligibility, Terms, and Conditions of Entry (ETCE) will be disqualified.

3. Your CURRICULUM VITAE (CV)

To help support your submission, your Curriculum Vitae (CV) with the following information is required:

- 1) **Biography.** Include your: a) professional development and studies such as art education, training, and major workshops attended; b) memberships & affiliations from art associations that were obtained through the process of jury or election; c) exhibitions in which you have participated within the last ten years; d) list galleries with which you are associated, and any major corporate or public collections that have collected your work; and e) awards, publications, or other accomplishments.
- 2) **Artist Statement/ Vision.** Include a description of your art practice and/or vision.
- 3) **Motivation For Becoming an MSA Member.** A brief statement on your reasons for applying for MSA membership, including how you heard about the MSA. Also provide an overview on how you would contribute to the MSA. If possible, list specific areas of expertise you may have such as workshop coordination, exhibition coordination, website knowledge, etc.

4. JURYING PROCESS and SCORING RUBRIC

Please review the "Framework for the MSA Jurying Process."

5. IMPORTANT DATES and INFORMATION

- Application deadline: January 4, 2026 at 11:59 pm CT.
- Your application must include 15 artworks completed in the previous 5 years (completed on or after January 1, 2021).
- Your application must also include a CV in PDF or DOC format.
- Digital images must be in JPG or PNG format. Ensure your images are of high quality. For example, in focus and no glare or shadows. Images may be up to 2.5 MB in size each.
- All acceptance and decline decisions are final.
- All application fees are non-refundable and will be 100% reinvested into upcoming MSA prize funds. As described in the "Framework for the MSA Jurying process", feedback may be available upon request.
- It is best to prepare all images and information before beginning your application, though you may revise your submissions at any time up to the close of the call. We encourage promptness to avoid any unforeseen technical difficulties, such as your internet connectivity. If you are uncertain about any of the ETCE, please contact the MSA Submission Review Team (SRT) at info@manitobasocietyofartists.com no later than 2 days prior to the deadline.