

Australian Visual Artists Benevolent Fund 2009

2009 Application Form and Guidelines

Introduction

Twice during his artistic career painter and sculptor Bert Flugelman suffered severe personal disasters which could have left him destitute, had it not been for the generosity of friends and colleagues in the art world. His appreciation of their support led to efforts to see that other professional artists would have access to financial assistance, in times of dire need.

In 1967, in gratitude for the help he had twice received, Bert Flugelman donated an Ian Fairweather painting with the direction that it should be sold and the proceeds used to establish a trust fund, to assist visual artists in extreme need. A new Trust has been formed to activate this Fund. With the assistance of NAVA action is taking place to disseminate information about the Trust, to continue to raise funds and to initiate the provision of assistance.

Object

The fund hopes to provide some limited financial assistance to any visual arts practitioner faced with a disaster situation as a result of serious illness, accident or some other unexpected catastrophe.

Conditions

The Trust has few restrictions. The applicant must be:

- Involved as a practitioner in the visual arts.
- A citizen of or a resident in the Commonwealth of Australia or a dependent of any such person.

About this Grant

It is NOT intended that the Fund should be used merely as a means of coping with current financial needs, to pay outstanding debts or to buy time in order to continue one's practice. It is not a grant-giving body in those terms. Funds are limited and will be used by the Trustees only when, in their opinion, the applicant is faced with a disaster situation.

In order to assist applicants here are some examples of assistance already given:

- An artist whose arm was nearly torn off in a studio accident
- Artists whose studios have been destroyed, (including fires and an earthquake)
- Artists suffering life threatening illnesses requiring funds to afford treatment

Means of Assistance

Assistance may be in the form of loans, advances, gifts or any other measures considered by the Trustees to be appropriate to the need of the beneficiary. The decision to award assistance is a matter for the absolute discretion of the Trustees. The Trustees have the right to impose such terms as they consider appropriate.

Assessment Process

The Trustees will assess applications and inform NAVA of their decision. This may take up to two months

Australian Visual Artists Benevolent Fund: Application for Assistance

Please fill in the application form and return to NAVA with the appropriate support material. Send applications to:

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