



Nominations Now Open for the Barbara Laronde Award - Deadline August 30, 2019

This call for nominations is open to emerging Indigenous artists from Northern Ontario who are Women (Trans, Cis, Two Spirit, Non-Binary, Genderqueer). **Please note that you can nominate yourself or someone else.**

Eligibility:

- Must be 18 years of age or older
- To be considered for an award the artist must be an Indigenous person living in Northern Ontario (Métis, Inuit, Status and Non-Status First Nations peoples).

- This award is for Indigenous artists who are Women which includes Trans and Two-Spirit Women as well as Cis Women. This award is also open to Two-Spirit artists who may identify as Non-Binary and Genderqueer who prefer the use of they/them pronouns.
- Must be at the emerging stages of artistic career. We define an emerging artist as:
 - In the early stages of their career, regardless of age
 - Has created a modest body of work
 - Has had some evidence of professional achievement but may not yet have a substantial record of accomplishments.
 - One who is not yet recognized as an established or mid-career artists by other artists, curators, producers, critics, community members, and arts administrators.
- Open to all artistic disciplines including:
 - Traditional/Customary Arts (Beading, Carving, Quillwork, Tufting, Weaving)
 - Visual Arts (Painting, Drawing, Sculpture, Installation and Performance art)
 - Performing Arts (Dance, Music, Theatre)
 - Media Arts (Film, Video, New Media)
 - Literary arts
- Live in one of these geographical regions in northern Ontario:
 - Kenora District
 - Algoma District
 - Cochrane District
 - Manitoulin District
 - Nipissing District
 - Parry Sound District
 - Sudbury District
 - Timiskaming District
 - Rainy River District
 - Thunder Bay District
- All eligible artists are encouraged to apply.
- Individuals can also nominate an eligible artist they feel deserves this award.

To apply please submit the following:

- Resume & Biography
- One-page letter outlining why you or the artist you are nominating should receive this award.
- Images, audio, written or video support material of your artwork. **Please do not send original artworks.**
- Letter of support from someone who is familiar with the nominee's career in the arts.

Application Deadline: August 30, 2019

Value of Award: \$1500 Cash

Award Jury: NWIA Board of Directors

Our Vision: To support and celebrate the achievement of an Indigenous Women artists from Northern Ontario, and to provide financial support and career enhancing opportunities to encourage their continued excellence.

The Impact: The Barbara Laronde Award is given in the spirit of fostering the careers of emerging artists from Indigenous (on and off reserve) communities in Northern Ontario. NWIA recognizes the specific barriers that many Northern artists face, and we aim to support Indigenous artists by creating connections, professional development, and performance opportunities through our programming initiatives. Over the past 25 years, NWIA has delivered theatre, dance, music, and spoken word productions, exhibited visual and media arts, and published three books of Indigenous visual art and writing. We also present community-driven artist talks, leadership and cultural workshops and youth arts projects to audiences interested in arts, culture, and the advancement of Indigenous peoples.

Please share this call on Facebook, Twitter, and by email to family and friends!

Please submit your application to Native Women in the Arts: awards@nwia.ca

For more info visit: www.nwia.ca/apply