

## Awards Program

Through the Awards Program, FUSION: The Ontario Clay and Glass Association

- recognizes ceramics and glass community volunteers through the FUSION Volunteer Appreciation Program and through nominations of individuals for the Ontario Crafts Council John Mather Award for outstanding service to the crafts community
- supports ceramic and glass education in the province of Ontario by recognising graduating students enrolled in a ceramics or glass program at an accredited Ontario college or university through Student Awards
- nominates outstanding individuals demonstrating excellence in their field for national awards
- encourages excellence by supporting member guild exhibitions through its Design Award
- assists those in financial need seeking to pursue further education in the field of ceramics or glass by bursaries provided through the FUSION Scholarship Fund.

### ELIGIBILITY

Award applications may be submitted at any time during the year. Awards are announced or presented at the FUSION Annual General Meeting in May, and are listed in the Annual Report. For additional information please call the FUSION office.

Applicants must apply for awards by writing the FUSION Awards Committee, outlining the award for which they would like to be considered. All required documentation must be included in the letter of application as described below.

In all cases the decisions of the awards committee are final. The committee reserves the right not to give an award if, in its judgement, there are no suitable candidates.

## ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

### JOHN MATHER AWARD

Since 1981, to honour a founding member and former treasurer John Mather, the Ontario Crafts Council presents three awards annually for service to crafts over an extended period. The OCC award consists of a medal and a life-time membership in the Crafts Council. As an affiliate of the OCC, FUSION is eligible to make nominations.

#### Application guidelines

- Nominees must be residents of Ontario
- Nominees need not be craftspeople.
- Each nominee must be proposed and seconded by the nominating group
- Application must be accompanied by the nominee's resume
- Applications must be accompanied with nominator's rationale for proposing the individual for the award.
- Maximum length for nominations is two pages.
- Nominations are due at the FUSION office March 31 and will be forwarded to the OCC by the published deadline in any given year.

### VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Each year individuals who have volunteered outstanding service to FUSION are recognized at the FUSION Annual Conference. The Award consists of a certificate, gift, and recognition of the activity in FUSION NEWS. Nominees for the award may be proposed by FUSION Board members, guild executives, or individual members. A letter from either guilds or individuals describing their rationale for proposing a volunteer for the award is due at the FUSION office April 30. Maximum length for nominations is two pages.

### STUDENT AWARDS

Students enrolled in ceramics and glass departments at accredited Ontario universities and colleges are eligible for FUSION Student Awards.

1. Graduating students are entitled to receive a complimentary Subscription Membership for one year. Students must notify the FUSION office of their current address to receive the award.
2. Each year two students nominated by faculty are eligible to receive awards. The first award is a complimentary admission ticket to the Annual Conference plus a full membership in FUSION. The second award is a complimentary full membership in FUSION. Faculty should request award packages for presentation at their awards ceremony from the FUSION office. Students must notify the FUSION office of their current address to receive the award.

### FUSION DESIGN AWARD

Each member Guild (affiliated) or Association is entitled to give one FUSION Design Award to a participant in the guild's juried exhibition to honour excellence in design. The award consists of admission to a FUSION Conference, and a one year FUSION membership.

#### Application guidelines:

- A letter of request for the award, including names of the juror(s) must be forwarded to the FUSION office.
- The guild must provide FUSION with the name and address of the recipient within 30 days of the award presentation.
- To be considered for publication, images and copy regarding the exhibition and award winners should be forwarded to the editor of FUSION Magazine.

### FUSION BURSARY

The FUSION Scholarship Fund provides funding for bursaries to clay or glass artists in financial need wishing to further their education. Workshops, summer courses, formal education programs through universities and colleges, travel assistance and research projects are all formats that may be included for consideration. The jury will have the final decision as to how many recipients will receive a bursary each year, and how much money

each shall receive, depending on the amount of interest generated by the FUSION Scholarship Fund the previous year.

#### Application guidelines:

- Apply by writing a letter to the FUSION Awards Committee. Applicants are required to provide details of the educational program they wish to pursue and what they hope to gain from the program.
- Applications must be accompanied by 5 slides of recent work, a biography of not more than 200 words, and a current resumé.
- In addition, the awards committee must receive a "Letter of Support" for an application citing the need for financial support for the applicant.
- The "Letter of Support" must be forwarded directly to the FUSION office from the supporter. Applicants are responsible for ensuring that the FUSION office receives the letter of support.
- Applications may be forwarded to the FUSION office at any time during the year. However, to be considered for selection by jurors for presentation at the May Conference, applications must be received by April 1 in any given year.

### MAIL LETTERS OF APPLICATION TO:

**THE FUSION AWARDS COMMITTEE**  
1444 Queen Street East  
Toronto, Ontario  
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Or Email applications to:  
fusion@clayandglass.on.ca