



A Creative Youth Perspective

Program Summary

Overview

The Creative Youth Program offers an annual paid opportunity for two local youth artists (ages 15–21) to explore and share their creative disciplines while contributing to Kelowna’s vibrant cultural community. Supporting the [2020-2025 Cultural Plan](#), Strategy 9.1: Expand the role of youth in the creative sector.

Selected participants will:

- Be featured bi-monthly in the City of Kelowna’s Cultural Services e-newsletter, reaching over 7,000 subscribers.
- Share their perspectives on the local creative sector and their art practice.
- Receive \$100 per published article (6 total over 12 months).
- Be encouraged to grow and connect within their home community.

Eligibility

Applicants must:

- Be 15–21 years old;
- Live within the Regional District of Central Okanagan;
- Be pursuing any form of artistic discipline;
- Be available for a 6-month commitment; and
- Be new to the program (first-time participants only) To see examples of past participants, please visit our [website](#).

Application Process

Applications are accepted year-round. Submit your [online application](#).

Application Includes:

- Personal contact information;
- A sample of your work (photo, video, or relevant example);
- A short write-up about your experience as a local artist; and
- An outline of your first three article ideas.

Timeline

Jun 30: application intake for upcoming year closes

July: applications reviewed and interviews conducted

August: all applicants notified of results

Aug 22: first article submission due CY1

Sep 22: first article submission due CY2

Selection

Applications will be reviewed by City staff. Shortlisted candidates may be invited for a brief interview.

Selections will be based on:

- Eligibility and ability to meet program objectives;
- Quality and suitability of sample content;
- Diversity of artistic medium and theme; and
- Capacity to commit to the program timeline.

Selected artists will sign a **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** outlining expectations and responsibilities.

Article Submission Schedule:

Each artist's first article will introduce their creative discipline with a short biography, headshot, and description of their artistic focus.

Youth	Due date	Publish date
Y1 intro	Aug 22	Sept 1
Y2 intro	Sep 22	Oct 1
Y1	Oct 22	Nov 1
Y2	Nov 22	Dec 1
Y1	*Dec 15	Jan 1
Y2	Jan 22	Feb 1
Y1	Feb 22	Mar 1
Y2	Mar 22	Apr 1
Y1	Apr 22	May 1
Y2	May 22	Jun 1
Y1	Jun 22	Jul 1
Y2	Jul 22	Aug 1

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