

American Bamboo Society Biennial Arts & Crafts Competition Award Information and Application Guidelines

Application Period: January 31st to August 12th in even-numbered years

General Information and Eligibility Requirements:

The American Bamboo Society seeks applicants for monetary awards.

Possible award categories are "Celebrating bamboo's personality", "Bamboo as a design motif", or "New and innovative work using bamboo." Artists working in any art or craft may apply: crafts, fine art, design, literature, and performing arts.

Award recipients and award amounts will be determined by a review panel based on artistic excellence, accomplishment to date, and the promise of future achievement in bamboo. Each applicant will receive a digital copy of Bamboo, the ABS magazine for one year.

Who May Apply: Anyone living in or outside of the U.S.

Eligible Work: Crafts, Fine art, Design, Literature, and Performing Arts.

Examples of Non-Eligible Work:

Any project, proposal, or entry made as a class project or for class credit. Any industrially mass-produced item is also not eligible. Applicants who have won an award, cash or honorable mention in the last two years are not eligible.

Notification and Publicity:

Award recipients will be notified prior to the Annual American Bamboo Society Conference following the end of the application period. Names of award recipients and panelists will be posted on the ABS Web site following the conference. ABS retains award recipients' image files and supporting application materials for our records, the ABS Web site and our magazine, BAMBOO. Other applicants' files will be purged from our database the following December.

Recipient Responsibilities:

When the award recipient participates in public activities with the funded work (performances, exhibitions, etc.) the recipient shall give credit to the American Bamboo Society with the following credit line: "This project is supported by the American Bamboo Society."

By September 1st, award recipients are required to write a short statement describing how the award impacted her/his continued work efforts with bamboo. This report will include photo documentation. This statement will be read at the annual meeting of the American Bamboo Society in the fall and published in its magazine BAMBOO as well as on the ABS Web site, BAMBOO.ORG.

Although not required, recipients are asked to submit a small article for our monthly magazine BAMBOO, about their work.

Online Application Information:

A completed application consists of the following information & files:

Applicant Profile: Name, mailing address, phone number, website, and email address.

A two-page resume: This should pertain to any art or bamboo-related work done.

Project Description: No more than a one-page description of the proposed project or the body of work the applicant wishes to extend. Be sure to describe how and why you chose

bamboo.

Work Samples: Five to 15 JPEG photos approximately the size of 6" x 8" at 300 dpi. Images must be JPEG files with the .jpg extension. Please put a title on each file with your last name and the title of each piece. Do not send original artworks. Performing Arts entries may send video or audio recordings.

Work information page:

Text descriptors for each image: Title, Year Completed, Medium, and Dimensions. Performance art entries information should include Title, Year Completed, and a short explanation of pieces.

A short bio: 1,000 words maximum. In the case of an award, this bio will be published.

Artist Statement: (One page maximum) the purpose of the statement is to give the review panel a better understanding of your work, while they are viewing it. Your statement should be clear, concise and relate to the work samples you submit.

Support materials: You may include any articles either by photocopy (3 copies per article) or digital file. These must relate to your bamboo/artwork. You may send material samples such as dyed swatches of cloth, however you must send 3 samples.

Going Green: In order to reduce the amount of paper, plastic, and fuel used in the application processes please do not send your application in a binder or folder. Everything should fit on a single CD. If you have no access to modern digital equipment you may send 3 copies of each photograph and 3 copies of each application part printed on paper. If you would like materials to be returned, please send an SASE with the correct amount of postage.

Please submit your application to:
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