



Application Instructions for Elected Membership **Submission Deadline: March 31, 2019**

The Society of Canadian Artists (SCA) is a national, non-profit artists' organization dedicated to promoting the visibility and stature of the visual arts. SCA has representation in all of the visual arts.

In 1957, a group of Toronto Artists created the Society of Co-operative Artists. In 1972, SCA was incorporated as a not for profit organization under the laws of Ontario, with the name The Society of Canadian Artists in Toronto. In 2004 the focus changed from Toronto to National with the 37th exhibition (the first described as National). On January 24, 2007 by supplementary letters patent, the name was changed to Society of Canadian Artists. In the same year, it obtained registered charitable tax status.

The Society:

- Organizes and administers public exhibitions of the work of members and non-members while maintaining a standard of artistic excellence.
- Provides leadership within the arts community in Canada by the encouragement of original, artistic expression and experimentation in all media and visual art forms.
- Recognizes the highest qualities in art through a program of awards. The SCA represents professional Canadian artists coast-to-coast who are elected through an adjudication process each year.

Elected Membership status is restricted to Canadian citizens or residents of Canada.

JURYING

Works will be juried based on the following criteria (0 to 5 points for each)

- 1 demonstrates proficiency in the chosen medium
- 2 shows consistency of thought /style in the body of work
- 3 has uniqueness / interest / originality / style
- 4 has a defined focal point(s)
- 5 is well structured and has a pleasing composition
- 6 shows good use of colour and / or form
- 7 has impact that evokes a reaction in the viewer
- 8 an overall cohesiveness in the work submitted.

All decisions of jurors are final and cannot be contested. You may however reapply at any future jury.

APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP:

The Elected membership application process must be submitted electronically. To accommodate this, 10 high quality images, the completed application form and artist's 11-point CV are to be in .pdf format and submitted as attachments via e-mail to khilde@shaw.ca

If you have any questions, please contact the Elected Membership Chairperson, **Kathy Hildebrandt, SCA**, khilde@shaw.ca

NOTE: APPLICATION AND \$50 PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 31, 2019.
Please do not include any artist brochures, pamphlets etc.

An email will be sent to you confirming the receipt of your application and images.



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Required Information

APPLICATION CHECKLIST (Images, CV AND APPLICATION FORM - SEND via e-mail)

- ___ An 11-point CV containing information for all 11 headings listed below. Save file: YourName_CV.pdf
- ___ Application form completed and "signed". Save with file name: YourName_Application.pdf
- ___ Ten (10) good quality images – **Name as: firstname_lastname_image##.title.jpg**
- ___ Payment \$50.00 via PayPal. Your application will be considered complete only after we have received notification of your payment.

Step 1 Prepare a typed **CV, in English**, using the following eleven (11) headings. (***Please note:*** this section is just as important as your artistic talents). *Save as a separate.pdf file named as **firstname_lastname_CV.pdf***

1. **Biography and Artist Statement/Vision:** Keep the two separate. max. 400 words. Include a vision of where your work is and where you want to it be in the future.)
2. **Professional Development:** include art education, training, major workshops attended, etc.
3. **Contributions to the artistic community:** include art-related professional experience such as teaching, instructing workshops, volunteerism, jurying experience
4. **Memberships & Affiliations:** include only those Art Associations that are obtained through process of juried/election.
5. **Art exhibitions, Awards:** limit information to last 10 years
6. **Publications and other Accomplishments:**
7. **Galleries, corporate and public collections of artist's work:**
8. **Motivation for becoming a member of the SCA:** A brief statement on your reasons for applying for Elected membership, including how you heard about the Society of Canadian Artists.
9. **Personal Contribution to SCA:** A brief statement on how you would, if accepted as an Elected member, personally voluntarily contribute to the work of the SCA)
10. **Other Information:** Include other information that may be pertinent to your application that was not included in the above points.
11. **Introduction Statement and Image:** Should your application be successful, this statement will be included in the SCA newsletter and slide show introducing newly Elected members at the SCA Annual General Meeting, June 2019. Also, please indicate which image (one of the 10 submitted, not images of yourself) you would like included with this statement.

Step 2 Complete the **Application form** with the required information. *Save as a separate.pdf file named as **firstname_lastname_Application.pdf***



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Step 3 Select ten (10) of your best artworks. Ensure that they meet the Image specifications listed below.

- All work must have been completed within the last three (3) years.
- All work must NOT be copies or derivatives based in any way on other copyrighted or published paintings, photographs or other artistic work
- Digital files must be in JPG format and PC/Mac compatible. When opened, only the image of the artwork should show (cropped with no frame, no mat board or extraneous background showing).
- Recommended width of 1920 pixels but no smaller than 1200 and no larger than 2400, saved at the highest quality possible.
- The file size should be in the range of 1.0MB to 2.5MB, depending on the amount of detail.

Step 4 Name your image files in the following format: ***firstname_lastname_image##_title.jpg*** example: janedoe_image09_mypainting.jpg. **Note:** this must match with the information on your application form.

Step 5 Pay the non-refundable jury fee of \$50.00 through PayPal. The jury fee is not reimbursable.

Step 6 Email the images, application and CV to Kathy Hildebrandt, SCA at khilde@shaw.ca. Please note the following requirements.

- No one email is to exceed 5MB in attachments. Please limit the number of images sent in one email accordingly. You may need to send multiple emails.
- Images must be **ATTACHED** to the email, not inserted into the body of the email (Note: this is a more common problem when using Apple (Mac) products).

NOTE: THE APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIR BY MARCH 31, 2019. APPLY EARLY AS LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

NOTIFICATION

As a general guideline, the jurying process typically takes 3 to 4 weeks to be finalized. All applicants will receive notification of their results by e-mail shortly thereafter.

Applicants will receive any juror feedback where it has been given. Please bear in mind that this feedback is at the juror's discretion and only reflects their point of view at that point in time. Many times, the comments given may appear repetitive or contradictory.

Should you be successful, the annual membership fee for 2019-2020 of **\$95 is due May 1st, 2019**. All fees are subject to change annually.

Thank you for your application to the Society of Canadian Artists.

Kathy Hildebrandt, SCA
SCA Secretary and Elected Membership Chairperson,
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