**The Dina Baker Fund for Mature Female Artists**

**2019 Application Guidelines**

The Program

Ms. Dina Baker has established The Dina Baker Fund for Mature Female Artists at the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County to help stabilize and strengthen the careers of female Artists sixty (60) years of age or older who reside and work in Palm Beach County, who have recognizable artistic merit and who are deserving of financial assistance (whether professional, personal or both) to enable them to further their artistic development and achievement.

Funds can be used to support professional development, arts related exhibition expenses, equipment, supplies, healthcare costs and/or basic living expenses.

Eligibility

In order to be eligible, the applicant must meet the following criteria:

* Making a living as a professional artist working in two-dimensional media
* Female
* Age 60 or older
* Resident of Palm Beach County
* Demonstrate financial need
* Not a prior recipient of the Dina Baker Fund scholarship

Award

A grant of $10,000 will be awarded to one individual meeting the eligibility requirements and demonstrating artistic merit and financial need. In addition, the recipient will receive a one-year Artist Portfolio membership from the Cultural Council and automatically be selected for an Artist Solo Show in the Cultural Council gallery.

Timeline

* Thursday, **June 27, 2019**: Online Applications open
* Thursday, **June 27, 2019**: Application Training at the Cultural Council, 10am
* Friday, **August 5, 2019**: Deadline to apply, 11:59 p.m.
* August/September 2019: Blind advisory panel meeting
* September 2019: Announce Recipient of The Dina Baker Fund for Mature Female Artists
* Feb 29 – Mar 28, 2020: Artist’s work exhibited in the Cultural Council’s Solo Gallery

Determination of Award

An advisory committee will select the artist on a competitive basis giving the highest priority to artistic ability, financial need and a true passion for the arts.

**How to Apply:**

Applicants must submit their application online to be considered for The Dina Baker Fund for Mature Female Artists. Online applications will open **June 27, 2019**. The website link to apply is: <https://www.palmbeachculture.com/artist-community/funding-opportunities/>

The Council will offer training for the online application process Thursday, **June 27, 2019** at the Cultural Council, 10am. Please RSVP to vjackson@palmbeachculture.com.

Required documents/narrative include:

1. General information about the artist
2. Proof of Residency: driver’s license, utility bill or voter’s registration card
3. Proof of age: driver’s license, birth certificate
4. Biography – (do not include artist’s name)
5. Artist’s Statement – (do not include artist’s name)
6. Essay explaining Financial Need – (do not include artist’s name)
7. Samples of Artwork: upload up to **6** photographs as individual JPGs.
   * JPG images should be no larger than 1 Mib.
   * The name of each JPG should match the title of the artwork.
   * Do not include Artist’s name anywhere on the photos.
   * Black out artist’s signature on artworks.

8. THE ARTIST’S NAME MUST NOT APPEAR ON ANY DOCUMENTS OR PHOTO IMAGES OTHER THAN WHERE DESIGNATED ON THE REGISTRATION AND

APPLICATION FORMS.

*\*\*Please note: the information in the application is considered private and will only be available to the individuals administering the award.*

If you have any questions about the grant please contact Vicky Jackson, Grants Manager at 561-214-8087.

**Application Deadline**-- no later than 11:59 pm on **August 5, 2019**.