Yarra Youth Services Artist in Residence (AIR) program 2027
Form Preview

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The Yarra Youth Services' Artist in Residence (AIR) program is an opportunity for emerging artists aged 20 – 25 years to expand and professionalise their arts practice, gain experience facilitating workshops for young people, and be an active part of a creative community.

The residency provides an emerging artist with an allocated desk in the Yarra Youth Service's art studio for 12 months, support and guidance from Youth Arts Officers, and the opportunity to present work in a group exhibition at a public gallery towards the end of their residency. The studio space accommodates up to 4 artists, depending on their practice. Each AIR will be assigned a desk in the arts studio, sharing space with the other AIR's as well as young people occasionally using the space to work on art projects. As part of the residency, each Artist In Residence will be engaged to develop and deliver a term of visual arts program Open Studios (9-10 x 2 hour workshops), providing artistic support and guidance to young people ages 12-25 years old. The Artist in Residence will receive support and mentorship from the Youth Arts Officers to plan and facilitate these workshops.

Successful candidates will engage in a shared residency from March 2027 to March 2028 in the studio space at Yarra Youth Services in Fitzroy, free of charge. The studio space accommodates up to four artists, depending on their practice. To apply, submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) that includes an overview of your artistic practice, ideas of how you want to engage with young people, artist CV, and a portfolio of your work.

Alternatively, you may respond in a video (up to 5 minuntes), or a creative essay (visual, written, comic…It's up to you!). Applications will be assessed by a panel comprising of Youth Arts Officers, former Artists In Residence and Yarra City Council staff.

We strongly encourage you to talk to one of the Youth Arts Officers before you submit an application. Potential applicants are encouraged to attend a session of Open Studios, held at Yarra Youth Services on Thursdays from 4-6pm.

If you are interested in applying for this program, please complete the following application and submit.

Applications close at 11:59pm on Sunday 13 December 2026.

If you have any questions about the program or application, please contact Chris Parkinson Youth Arts Officer - Chris.Parkinson@yarracity.vic.gov.au (Tuesday - Thursday).

Applicant Information

* indicates a required field

Artist *

First Name | Last Name

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Date of birth *

Must be a date.
You must be between 20-25 years old during the duration of the residency (March 2027-March 2028)

Address *
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Address Line 1, Suburb/Town, State/Province, Postcode, and Country are required.

Mobile Phone Number *

Applicant Primary Email *

Must be an email address.

Artist website or Instagram handle

How did you hear about this residency? *

Do you have any access requirements? What support could we give you during this residency?

What is your preferred method of communication? *
- ○ E-mail
- ○ Text
- ○ Phone call

Have you attended a program at Yarra Youth Services before? If so, what program(s) have you attended?

Do you have a current Working with Children's Check? *
- ○ Yes
- ○ No but willing to obtain one

You must have a current WWCC to be eligible for this residency. If you do not currently have one, please note that your successful engagement will depend upon your commitment to having one completed – the Youth Arts Officers can help you with this application.

Please provide a copy of your Working with Childrens Check
Attach a file:

Do you have a current ABN (Australian Business Number)?

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

Arts Practice overview (Please complete either Section A or B)

Section A - Written Arts Practice overview

Please provide an overview of your arts practice. This could include, but not limited to, the medium(s) you work in and the themes your work explores.

Word count:
Must be no more than 500 words.

What is your experience working with young people? What is your previous experience of facilitating arts/creative workshops? Previous experience working with young people is not a requirement of the program, we just want to get a sense of your experience in this area.

Word count:
Must be no more than 400 words.

How would you like to work with and engage young people through art? Provide ideas of arts projects that you could run which would engage and inspire young people aged 12 – 25.

Word count:
Must be no more than 500 words.

Where do you hope to see your practice in a few years?

Word count:
Must be no more than 500 words.

Why is now the right time for you to undertake this residency? What will undertaking this opportunity help you to achieve with your practice and current ambitions?

Word count:

Must be at least 500 words.

Section B - Multimedia Arts Practice overview

You can also respond to the previous questions in a video (up to 5 minutes long), voice message/audio piece (up to 5 minutes long) or a creative essay (visual, written, comic…It's up to you!).

Attach a file:

(Multiple files can be uploaded one at a time here. MAX 25 MB.)

Or provide a link to access:

SmartyGrants strongly recommends that uploaded files be kept to under 5MB in size. If you wish to include larger files with your application, we recommend using one of the many free file transfer services now available and pasting an access link instead. Where possible, please keep the combined file size of attachments under 100MB.

Note: your upload speed is dependent on the speed of your computer and internet connection. Please ensure you leave plenty of time to upload your documents before the application deadline.

Support Material

* indicates a required field

Curriculum Vitae (CV)

Applicants are required to include a professional artist CV with this application. This CV should include a referee who can provide information about your arts practice, and where possible, any experience that you have in working with young people and/or in a community art context (maximum 2 pages).

Professional CV: *
Attach a file:

A minimum of 1 file must be attached.

Portfolio of work

Please provide a short portfolio of your work that includes 6 – 10 images or up to 4 videos of works in one document (maximum 5 pages). Choose works that you think best capture and reflect your creative practice.

Portfolio of work
Attach a file:

Or provide a link to your portfolio

This must be 6-10 images or up to 4 video works

Before Submitting Your Application

Please review your application carefully before submitting it. Once an application is submitted it cannot be changed.

Applications are not submitted until you hit the submit button on the final page of the application form.

If you have missed a required field or one of your answers is over the word limit, you will not be able to submit your application. Any questions preventing you from submitting will be highlighted in red on the "Review and Submit" page of the application form.

If you do not receive a confirmation email, your application has not been received. Please check that all the required questions have been answered before attempting to submit again.

Once your application is submitted, you can return to http://cityofyarra.smartygrants.com.au/ at any time to view or download it. A PDF version will also be emailed to you upon successful submission.