



2019

**Bronx Recognizes Its Own  
(BRIO)**

**Guidelines**

*Deadline: Monday, December 10, 2018 at 11:59 PM*

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For Bronx-based  
**Individual Artists**

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# Bronx Council on the Arts

## Bronx Recognizes Its Own

*recognizing outstanding artists in the Bronx for 30 years*

BCA's BRIO Award has been recognizing artistic excellence across a wide range of creative disciplines for 30 years. Artists who have received a BRIO award – notably early career artists – represent the vast diversity of Bronx residents, inclusive of a large array of ethnicities, ages and genders that mirror the diversity of our borough. Over the years, BRIO has emerged as one of the most coveted distinctions amongst artists residing in the Bronx.

Bronx Council on the Arts takes this opportunity of the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary to re-articulate BRIO's core emphasis...what BRIO has highlighted...having distributed over \$1,357,000 in support to 459 artists over the past three decades. Specifically, adjudication panels are comprised of seasoned artists and arts professionals who, guided by discipline specific criteria and experience, review submissions anonymously and select awardees for distinction, whose work demonstrates the following:

- An innovative approach to the discipline
- Probing and pushing of boundaries
- Technical expertise and high level of skill
- Ingenuity and rigor in its production
- An awareness of the medium within a historical context
- Compelling vision and original voice

In addition, winners are encouraged to complete a one-time public service activity known as Artists for Community Enrichment (ACE) within a year of receiving the award. ACE events, which range from performances with Q&As to workshops and classes, provide artists with additional visibility and demonstrates to the community the wealth of artistic talent available in our borough.

BCA is proud to continue the BRIO tradition into the future, offering this invaluable honor in the Bronx that

- Boosts early career artists
- Highlights previously unknown voices
- Recognizes quality artistic practice
- Fosters connection between Bronx artists and their communities

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## **SELECTION OF AWARDS**

BRIO is adjudicated on a blind submission process. New panels of arts professionals are convened each year and select works that demonstrate

- An innovative approach to the discipline
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All materials and information involved in the process are kept confidential and are viewed anonymously by the panelists. When the application is received, a code number is assigned to each application and its corresponding material. The applicant's coded work sample is the only identifying information available to the panelists for review. Materials not meeting the submission guidelines will render an application ineligible.

## **AWARD NOTIFICATION**

Decisions will be e-mailed to all applicants in approximately May of the grant year. Winners will be invited to a ceremony in June of 2019 at which they will be honored and receive the award. BRIO winners are encouraged to complete a one-time community service activity known as Artists for Community Enrichment (ACE) within a year. All BRIO awards are subject to verification of information submitted and proof of Bronx residency.

## **ABOUT ACE (ARTISTS FOR COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT)**

An important and integral component of BRIO is ACE which encourages each awardee to present a one-time public service activity within the one-year period of the award. This initiative was created to provide artists with additional visibility and also to provide Bronxites with the opportunity to experience the wealth of talent available in the community.

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## **Who can apply?**

- You must be 18 years old or older.
- You must be a resident of the Bronx. Applicants must provide 2 proofs of Bronx residency. (See instructions below)
- You must have an e-mail address
- You must have a Social Security number

## Who is not eligible to apply?

- Full time graduate or undergraduate students enrolled in any degree program.
- Recipients of 2018 BRIO awards.
- Individuals who work for Bronx Council on the Arts.

## General submission information

- Work samples must be from work created in the last 5 years (between 2013 and 2018).
- BRIO awards are adjudicated in a blind submission process. Panelists will evaluate submissions based on the materials they are viewing/hearing/reading. Applicants are advised to be highly selective and intentional in choosing work samples to submit. Poor quality work samples and materials will affect the panel's evaluation.
- In order to submit an application you must create an account online at [Submittable.com](http://Submittable.com).
- Applicants can submit one application in one discipline only.
- Only submit materials necessary for the discipline in which you are applying.
- Any required information missing at the time of panel review will render the application ineligible.
- Work samples must not contain any identifying information (name, email etc.) in any part of the application, including file names; such information will render the application ineligible.
- Application links are available on-line at [www.bronxarts.org](http://www.bronxarts.org) beginning October 8, 2018.

## CATEGORIES:

### Literary Arts:

Fiction, Non-Fiction, Playwriting, Poetry, Screenwriting, Illustrated Text

### Media Arts:

Digital Arts, Film or Video (Narrative/Documentary/Experimental), Film Animation

### Performing Arts:

Acting, Choreography, Dance, Instrumental and Vocal Music Performance (Audio only!), Music Composition, Performance Poetry, Spoken Word, Storytelling

### Visual Arts:

**2-D:** Artist book, Drawing, Illustration Painting, Photography, Printmaking, Mixed Media, Street Art

**3-D:** Installation Art, Mixed Media, Performance Art, Sculpture, Architecture, Crafts, Graphic Design, Environmental and Interior Design

**A COMPLETED APPLICATION WILL INCLUDE:**

- ✓ **Online application.** All fields of the Submittable application with an asterisk (\*) must be filled out.

**Please Note: All of the items below must be uploaded in order to apply:**

- ✓ **Your (Literary, Visual, Performing, or Media Arts) work sample(s).**

*None of the information below will be shared with panelists for review*

- ✓ **One-page resume** citing your artistic, professional, and educational background.
- ✓ **Proof of Bronx Residency** - (submit **2**) any of the following are considered acceptable:
  - NYS Driver's license
  - New York State or New York City ID
  - Voter Registration Card
  - Mortgage, rent receipt or lease agreement
  - Utility bill (e.g., electricity, cable, gas, etc.)
  - Credit card or bank statement (first page only; social security number/financial information blacked out)
  - NYS or Federal tax return
  - Bursar's receipt (required for part-time students)
- ✓ **Applicant Bio** (150 words)
- ✓ **Head shot** (jpeg 300 dpi)

Questions? Contact Bryan E. Glover, Grants Director | [bryan@bronxarts.org](mailto:bryan@bronxarts.org)

***Please Note:** Applicants CAN apply to BRIO and Arts Fund, but must choose only ONE Grant if awarded both. An artist may not accept money from BRIO and Arts Fund because both grants are funded through the same source. Eligible applicants CAN receive money from BRIO, New Work, and Community Arts in the same year.*