



**PROVINCIAL/NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL COMPETITION
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE POLICY
PROVIDED BY THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF SAULT STE. MARIE**

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1. DEFINITION OF CULTURAL COMPETITION FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Throughout this report the term Cultural Competition Financial Assistance will be used in the place of the words "grants" and "subsidies".

The term Cultural Competition Financial Assistance shall be used in the broadest sense to cover the full range of assistance to individuals or not-for-profit cultural groups involved in Provincial/National/International cultural competitions.

2. DEFINITION OF CULTURE

Culture is a complex word; however, two interrelated definitions stand out:

- i. The social production and transmission of identities, means, knowledge, beliefs, values, aspiration, memories, purposes, attitudes and understanding;
- ii. The 'way of life' of a particular set of humans: customs, faiths, and conventions; codes and manners, dress, cuisine, language, arts, science, technology, religion and rituals; norms and regulations of behaviors; traditions and institutions

Performing Arts Theatre, dance, opera, music, puppetry

Visual Arts Fine art and craft including painting, sculpture, printmaking, pottery, fibre and fabric art, woodworking including
(Visual Arts includes both Fine Arts and Crafts.)

Literary Arts Prose, poetry, storytelling, novels

Heritage Arts Heritage conservation, identification, protection and interpretation of:

- i. Intangible heritage- expressions of culture of the community (custom, dance, music, song, story, etc.)
- ii. Immovable heritage (buildings, cultural heritage, landscapes, natural heritage - archaeological and traditional use sites)
- iii. Movable heritage - personal property (art, artifacts, documents, natural objects and specimens)

Media Arts Photography, film, video, print, audio and/or graphics.

3. REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Those individuals, or not-for-profit cultural groups who have qualified to attend a Provincial/National/International cultural competitions that wish to apply for financial assistance may obtain a Request for Provincial/National/International Cultural Competition Financial Assistance Form from the Recreation & Culture Division, Community Services Department at the Civic Centre at 99 Foster Drive, or forms are available on the City of Sault Ste. Marie web site at www.saultstemarie.ca.

4. SUBMISSION DATE

Completed requests for Provincial/National/International Cultural Competition Financial Assistance will be accepted year round due to the various dates of qualifying competitions. Applications must be submitted to the Recreation and Culture Division, Community Services Department prior to the date of the National or International event. Applicants are reminded that submission of an application does not mean approval. The approval process may take up to twelve weeks after submission of a completed application.

5. APPROVAL PROCESS

All requests must be submitted on the request for Provincial/National/International Cultural Competition Financial Assistance Form along with proof of eligibility.

The Cultural Advisory Board shall assess all applications and recommend to City Council those applicants most deserving of financial assistance and the extent of the financial assistance.

The Cultural Advisory Board may, if it so wishes, meet with the applicant requesting financial assistance to clarify any omissions or problems with the submission.

Applicants who meet the eligibility criteria will be recommended to City Council for approval of Provincial/National/International Cultural Competition Financial Assistance to attend a Provincial/National/International Competition. **A maximum limit of \$200.00 per application will be granted by City Council.** Special requests may be considered, when warranted, pending availability of funds.

The Cultural Advisory Board will monitor the Provincial/National/International Cultural Competitions Financial Assistance Policy adopted by City Council to ensure it is operating in the best interest of the City of Sault Ste. Marie and its citizens. When deemed appropriate, the Cultural Advisory Board may make recommendations to City Council for modifications or amendments to the policy.

6. CRITERIA FOR CULTURAL COMPETITION FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

In order to assist the Cultural Advisory Board in making its recommendation to City Council, the requests for Provincial/National/International Cultural Competition Financial Assistance shall be considered from individuals, or not-for-profit cultural groups who are residents of Sault Ste. Marie and are active in culture as defined in the Cultural Policy for the Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie. Requests will not be considered for attendance at Boards of Education or Post Secondary Education Institution Cultural Competitions at any level.

7. TYPES OF GRANTS

Grants may be provided to applicants to assist in the direct cost of attending Provincial/National/International cultural competitions. **This includes registration fees, transportation, accommodation and meal expenses.** Applications will not be considered for assistance with the purchase of equipment or clothing.

8. GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

The following conditions apply to all financial assistance applications and may be taken into account when assessing the proposal of grantees.

- i) The applicant must demonstrate that they have researched other avenues of funding.
- ii) Successful applicants are requested to acknowledge, in any media communications, local or otherwise, the support of the City of Sault Ste. Marie. Applicants may be asked to provide general feedback from the competition.
- iii) Only one request per applicant is to be considered in a fiscal year for each level of competition. Individual group members applications will not be accepted when a group has qualified to attend a competition. For example – theatre group, dance company.
- iv) In general, only individuals and not-for-profit cultural groups involved in Provincial/National/International cultural competitions who are residents of the City of Sault Ste. Marie and are active in culture as defined in the *Cultural Policy for the Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie* are to be considered for financial assistance. Applicants will have demonstrated recognized outstanding competence within their field in the community.
- v) Requests for City pins, brochures, etc. are to be submitted to the Economic Development Corporation (E.D.C.), Level 1, Civic Centre.

9. NOTIFICATION OF CITY COUNCIL'S DECISION AND REVIEW

All applicants are to be notified in writing following City Council's decision. If an application is approved, a cheque will be forwarded by mail to the applicant. Funds may be received at the Recreation and Culture, Community Services Department's office if prior arrangements have been made.

Any applicant who is successful in receiving *Cultural Financial Assistance* from the City agrees to meet with the Cultural Advisory Board for review if required.



CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF SAULT STE. MARIE REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR PROVINCIAL/NATIONAL/INTERNATIONALCULTURAL COMPETITION PURPOSES

Name and Full Mailing Address of the Applicant (all correspondence relating to this request for financial assistance will be directed to this address).

Name of Applicant: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Mobile: _____ E-Mail: _____

Contact Persons (if different from above).

	Name	Mailing Address	Phone
1)	_____	_____	_____
2)	_____	_____	_____

Identify which of the areas stated in the definition of culture (*Cultural Policy for the Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie*) best describes your detailed activity.

- Performing Arts Visual Arts Literary Arts Heritage Arts
 Media Arts

Name of the Provincial/National/International Cultural Competition the applicant is attending. Please append correspondence that confirms individual or group qualification as an Ontario or Canadian representative. APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED OR APPROVED WITHOUT PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY.

Name of Competition: _____

Date(s) of Competition: _____ Location of Competition: _____

Names and address of participant(s):

	Name	Mailing Address	Phone
1)	_____	_____	_____
2)	_____	_____	_____
3)	_____	_____	_____
4)	_____	_____	_____

