SU AWARDS ARTWORK REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

BACKGROUND

The University of Alberta Students' Union is the organization that represents all undergraduate students on all four University of Alberta campuses.

As part of its mandate to offer services to students that provide for their practical, social, academic and personal needs, the Students' Union administers an Awards Program that recognises students who achieve excellence in leadership, academics and campus involvement. The Awards program gives out approximately \$86,000 in scholarships to students each year.

REQUESTED SERVICES

- The commission of 90 small artworks of identical size and type to be given as trophies to the 2016 awards winners.
 - a) NB: Artworks should have a space for a small plaque with the recipient's name and award. The artist is not responsible for producing the plaques.
- Artworks may be in any format, including but not limited to; sculpture, prints (including digital), painting, drawing, textiles, ceramics or 3D-printed objects.
- Completion and delivery of all artworks before October 1st, 2016.

PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

- Proposals must include:
 - a) A photograph of the proposed artwork. If the artwork is still in the conceptual phase, a sketch, drawing or rendering is acceptable.
 - b) Information on the scale of the artwork, in three dimensions if applicable.
 - c) Information on the medium, as well as an overview of technical process, as well as challenges and proposed solutions for producing the artwork in the quantities requested.
 - d) An artist's statement about the work, and its conceptual foundation. Works that create links to student involvement, leadership and/or engagement will be favoured.
 - e) The artist's resume, including year and program of study.
 - f) The names and phone numbers of of two references who can speak to the artist's professionalism, quality of work, and ability to meet deadlines.
- Artworks DO NOT need to be created specifically for this proposal–works created previously for class work or personal use are acceptable for submission.
- If multiple artists are involved in the proposal, each collaborator must submit a

resume and two references. One collaborator should be identified as the main contact.

- Proposals should not be longer than three (3) pages, not inclusive of the resume(s).
- Proposals must be submitted by a current University of Alberta student, or alumni who has graduated not earlier than the winter semester of 2015.
- Proposals from undergraduate students will be strongly preferred, although proposals from graduate students will be considered.

RENUMERATION

Artists or artist teams will receive \$2500 for their work.

- \$1250 will be delivered upon receiving the commission
- The remaining \$1250 will be delivered upon receipt of all 90 artworks.
- This sum of money is inclusive of the cost of materials, and cost of transporting the works to the Students' Union Building.

Artists will also be invited to attend the Students' Union Awards Gala, and be recognised for their work as part of the ceremony.

PROPOSAL DELIVERY

Deadline for proposal submissions is April 30th, 2016 at 11:59PM.

Proposals and questions can be directed to

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Electronic submissions to the email address listed above are strongly preferred. All electronic documents should be submitted in portable document format (.pdf).

EVALUATION

Proposals will be adjudicated by the staff of the University of Alberta Students' Union's Leadership & Recognition department. Proposals will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- 35% Creativity and originality of work proposed
- 35% Logistical feasibility of using proposed work as a trophy
- **20%** Conceptual link to purpose of the Awards Program—recognizing leadership, involvement and academic excellence
- **10%** Reference review

The Students' Union reserves the right to accept none of the submitted proposals, or to extend the deadline for submissions as its staff deems fit.

