



AWARDS FOR ARTISTS

a funding information leaflet from *funderfinder*

FunderFinder PIN includes many trusts and foundations that make grants to people involved in the arts but does not usually include prizes and awards which are based on artistic merit. This document suggests sources of information in this area and some useful organisations.

General

The Arts Councils administer award schemes for individual artists across the various disciplines of the arts. Information about the grant schemes they administer are usually available on their websites. They may also be able to provide information about other sources of funding and advice. For further information contact the relevant organisation.

Arts Council England	tel: 020 7973 6517, www.artscouncil.org.uk
grants phonenumber:	tel: 0845 300 6100
Arts Council of Northern Ireland	tel: 028 9038 5200, www.artscouncil-ni.org
Arts Council of Wales	tel: 029 2037 6500, www.artswales.org
The Scottish Arts Council	tel: 0131 226 6051, www.scottisharts.org.uk

The Arts Funding Guide published by DSC covers many aspects of arts funding. Although it is aimed at groups looking for funding, it does cover some information that is relevant to individuals. Contact DSC on tel: 08450 77 77 07, website: www.dsc.org.uk.

Arts students may want to check their local reference library or careers service library as there are a number of general books about funding for education such as **University Scholarships and Awards** published by Trotman.

Literature

Writers and Artists Yearbook - published annually by A & C Black, London.

The Writers Handbook - published annually by Macmillan, London.

Guide to Literary Prizes - free fact sheet from The Book Trust, Book House, 45 East Hill, Wandsworth, London SW18 2QZ, tel: 020 8516 2977, website: www.booktrust.org.uk/. The website has an A-Z list of literature prizes and awards. The Book Trust also administers a number of prizes.

The Scottish Book Trust administers a number of awards for Scottish writers: Sandeman House, Trunk's Close, 55 High Street, Edinburgh EH1 1SR, tel: 0131 524 0160, website: www.scottishbooktrust.com

The Society of Authors administers a number of awards and prizes: 84 Drayton Gardens, London SW10 9SB, tel: 020 7373 6642, website: www.societyofauthors.net/

www.literaturetraining.com is a website for those involved in writing and literature to find out about the wealth of training and professional development opportunities available in the UK. It also has a section on funding for professional development, including details of specific awards, bursaries and grants.

There are numerous competitions for short stories and poems, some with significant prizes. It's impossible to mention them all here. **The Poetry Library** at the South Bank Centre has a list of poetry competitions on its website:

www.poetrylibrary.org.uk/competitions/ . Many magazines for writers have listings of competitions.

Music

The Music Education Yearbook published by Rhinegold has information on awards and scholarships.

Musicians Benevolent Fund administers a number of grant schemes: 16 Ogle Street, London W1W 6JA, tel: 020 7636 4481, website: www.mbf.org.uk . Their website includes an online database of awards, scholarships and competitions.

Visual Arts/Crafts

a-n The Artists Information Network, tel: 0191 241 8000, website: www.a-n.co.uk produces a monthly newsletter 'a-n newsletter' as well as a range of specialist advice and guidance. It is available as a subscription only service, from £28 per year.

Artquest provides a comprehensive advice and information service to London's visual arts professionals at all stages of their careers. Its website contains over 300 pages of information, advice, articles and links to helpful organisations. It includes a section on funding: www.artquest.org.uk

www.britisharts.co.uk/competitions.htm has a list of art related prizes/competitions.

The Crafts Council is a useful source of information for artist craftspeople and makes grants to people setting up a workshop: The Crafts Council, 44a Pentonville Road, London N1 9BY, tel: 020 7278 7700, website: www.craftscouncil.org.uk

Theatre/Drama/Dance

Dancing Times published monthly by Dancing Times Ltd, tel: 020 7250 3006, and **Dance Now**, published quarterly by Dance Books, tel: 01420 86138, include some information about awards to dancers.

The Council for Dance Education and Training can provide advice to people embarking on dance education and has some brief information about funding on its website: tel: 020 7240 5703, website: www.cdet.org.uk

The National Council for Drama Training is a useful contact for people undertaking training in drama: tel: 020 7387 3650, website: www.ncdt.co.uk

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