



SANE Creative Awards Scheme

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Introduction

The SANE Creative Awards Scheme (SCAS) was launched in May 2019. SANE has a long association with the arts, and for many years held a successful awards scheme which provided grants to individuals wishing to further their artistic development.

Our new scheme builds on this tradition and presents an opportunity for those affected by mental ill-health to take a step towards realising their creative potential. We hope it will encourage those interested to imagine, create and inspire with their efforts.

About the scheme

For the first set of awards, we will be focussing on visual art only.* We would, however, welcome it if these could include a brief written description of how the art reflects and communicates a person's individual experiences.

The awards may be used to help purchase materials, make a contribution towards course costs, and in the case of carers offer support towards the cost of replacement care. There are three levels of awards to apply for, £100, £200 and £300.

Eligibility

The scheme is open to:

- Any person who has a diagnosed mental health condition
- Anyone acting as a full-time carer for such a person
- Individuals who belong to both groups

Exclusions

- Applications will be accepted from people living in the United Kingdom
- Applications will not be accepted regarding proposals for political activities, creative activities outside the visual arts, or towards the costs of mainstream educational courses that lead to academic, vocational or professional qualifications

*For the purposes of the scheme, visual arts encompass all forms of painting, drawing, printmaking, photography, mixed media and digital art.

How to apply

- Complete an application form
- Write a letter outlining your proposal, your experience of mental illness and how you see an award helping your creative development. Please also state the level of award you are applying for.
- Include the contact details of a referee; this may be a mental health professional. In the case of a carer, please provide a personal reference.
- Please include examples of your previous work where applicable.
- Return online or by post.
- Please send completed applications to Thomas Andrews at TAndrews@sane.org.uk or c/o SANE, St Mark's Studios, 14 Chillingworth Road, London, N7 8QJ
- Proposals must be submitted by **Friday, July 20th 2019**

What happens next

A panel will meet to consider applications and will aim to notify successful applicants within two months of the closing date. It will not be possible to notify those who are unsuccessful; if you have not received a communication from us beyond this time, please assume your application will not progress further on this occasion.

What we expect

- The provision of receipts from costs incurred in pursuit of proposal aims
- Evidence of works or endeavours enabled by the granting of awards
- A short report on the progress that the award recipient has made towards achieving their proposal

Would a grant affect my benefits entitlement?

People in receipt of benefits might be concerned that their entitlement could be adversely affected by an award such as this. However, the present situation regarding gifts or grants is that any income from voluntary sources is disregarded completely.

An individual in receipt of benefits is allowed to have savings of up to £6,000 before there is any reduction in their benefit payments.

Data Protection

The scheme will be operating in compliance with General Data Protection requirements. All personal information provided by applicants and referees will be stored securely, accessed by key personnel only and disposed of safely as soon as it is no longer needed.

Further Information

If you require any clarification or have any further questions please contact Thomas Andrews at TAndrews@sane.org.uk or call 020 3805 1790