Artist Applicant Information

Please keep in mind that Project Onward is a competitive program with very few spaces available. Applying to Project Onward does not guarantee acceptance into the program.

## Eligibility Requirements

Artists who are interested in applying for participation in the Project Onward studio program need to meet the following criteria:

* Be 18 years or older
* Be living with a developmental disability and/or mental illness
* Have experience with personal art making (It is recommended that artists have at least two years experience with personal art making beyond classes or therapy.)
* If you are living with a mental illness or have a developmental disability with special emotional or behavioral needs you must be under the care of a mental health provider. (Ex: case manager, social worker, therapist, psychiatrist)

## Application Process

* Bring in application with original artwork or images.
	+ Please bring in 10 - 12 artworks completed within the past two years.
	+ Original artwork will be documented.
	+ You may email an application, but you must attach jpg images of your work with the email.
* A panel will review portfolios, then contact the applicant.
* If an applicant receives an interview, Project Onward make a decision within 10 days.
* Artists accepted into the program will be admitted to the studio on a trial basis for 3 months, during which time further assessments will be made to determine if the artist will make a proper long-term fit at Project Onward.

## What Project Onward Offers

Project Onward offers community and professional support to artists 18 years and older living with developmental disabilities and/or mental illness. Services provided include:

* Art Materials
* Support for professional development from trained facilitators
* Working space
* Opportunity to exhibit and sell work (includes a 50% commission of work sold)

## What Project Onward Cannot Offer

* Financial assistance (outside of artwork sales commission)
* Housing
* Social work or therapeutic services
* Legal Advice
* Protection Services
* Art Instruction

Artist Application

Please return your completed application to Project Onward by e-mail to info@projectonward.org, by postal mail to Project Onward, Bridgeport Art Center, 1200 W 35th St, Chicago, IL 60609, or in person with artwork or images. Once your application is reviewed, we will contact you. The information in this document will be kept private and confidential and will not be disclosed to anyone except for professional use by Project Onward staff.

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Date received: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Portfolio Review Date:

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Follow Up: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Notes:

**Applicant Information**

Applicant Name:

Date of Birth:

Phone Number:

Address:

Email:

What is the best way to contact you (phone, e-mail, through additional contact person)?

What is your diagnosis?

What kind of programs/services are you receiving (therapy, counseling, rehab programs, etc.)?

**Guardianship Status (check one)**

\_\_\_ I do not have a legal guardian. I make legal decisions for myself.

\_\_\_ I have a legal guardian. Print legal guardian’s name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I have my legal guardian’s consent to apply to Project Onward as evidenced by their signature below:

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 (Applicant’s Legal Guardian)

**Additional Contact (caregiver, therapist, family member, etc.)**

Name:

Relationship:

Phone Number:

Email: