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**Bronx Council on the Arts invites Bronx Artists to Apply!  
2016 BRIO Award Applications available online Friday, October 2, 2015**

(Bronx — September 3, 2015) Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA) presents the 2016 **Bronx Recognizes Its Own** (BRIO) awards application and guidelines, starting Friday, October 2, 2015 at [www.bronxarts.org](http://www.bronxarts.org). The BRIO applications will be available online only.

**This year's submission deadline is Wednesday, December 2, 2015, 11:59 pm.**

BCA's 2016 BRIO Fellowship program celebrates 27 years of supporting individual artists in the creation of work in literary, media, performing and visual arts. Bronx artists may apply in one of the following categories: Acting, Choreography, Crafts, Dance, Digital Arts, Fiction, Film Animation, Illustrated Text, Illustration/Artist Book, Installation Art, Instrumental and Vocal Music Performance, Mixed Media, Music Composition, Narrative/Documentary/Experimental Film/Video, Non-Fiction, Painting, Performance Art, Performance Poetry, Photography, Playwriting, Poetry, Printmaking/Drawing, Screenwriting, Sculpture, Spoken Word, and Storytelling.

A total of 25 awards of \$3,000 each are available to Bronx artists. Eligible applicants must be 18 years or older, live in the Bronx, and may NOT be enrolled as a full-time graduate or undergraduate student. Individuals who work for BCA or who are recipients of any of the Council's awards in 2015-16 including BRIO, or Arts Fund are also ineligible.

**Application assistance and tips on presenting your work professionally is available at one of six free BRIO How to Apply workshops to be held on the following dates:**

- **Saturday, October 3, 2015**, 2:00-4:00pm at Morris Park Library, 985 Morris Park Avenue Bronx, NY10462. [RSVP here.](#)
- **Friday, October 9, 2015**, 5:00-7:00pm at Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos, 450 Grand Concourse at 149th Street, Bronx, NY, 10451. [RSVP here.](#)
- **Wednesday, October 21, 2015**, 6:00-8:00pm at Bronx Council on the Arts Main Office, 1738 Hone Avenue, Bronx, NY 10461. [RSVP here.](#)
- **Saturday, November 7, 2015**, 3:00-5:00pm at New Hope for All Saints Lutheran Church, 585 East 163rd Street, Bronx, NY 10456. [RSVP here.](#)
- **Wednesday, November 18, 2015**, 6:30-8:00pm at Bronx Library Center, 310 East Kingsbridge Road, Bronx, NY 10458. [RSVP here.](#)
- **Tuesday, December 1, 2015**, 5:00-7:00pm at Longwood Art Gallery @ Hostos, 450 Grand Concourse at 149th Street, Bronx, NY 10451. [RSVP here.](#)

**Due to New Guidelines, we urge you to attend one of these workshops!** Space is limited.

Visit [www.bronxarts.org](http://www.bronxarts.org) to RSVP for your BRIO "How to Apply" workshop.

**Individual Consultations by appointment only** can be arranged with the BRIO Administrator by calling 718-931-9500 x35 or e-mail [BRIO@bronxarts.org](mailto:BRIO@bronxarts.org). **For Literary Applicants**, 1-on-1 half-hour consultations can be arranged with the Bronx Writers Center Director to help prepare your manuscript for BRIO by calling 718-931-9500 x21 or e-mailing [bronxwriters@bronxarts.org](mailto:bronxwriters@bronxarts.org). For general BRIO information, e-mail [BRIO@bronxarts.org](mailto:BRIO@bronxarts.org).

The selection of awards are based solely on artistic excellence and decided by a panel of arts professionals of various disciplines. All materials involved in the selection process are reviewed anonymously. All applicants are notified of panel decisions by e-mail approximately four months after the deadline date. Winners are invited to an awards ceremony in 2016 to receive the first payment of \$2,500. The remaining balance of \$500 is to be paid to the artist upon completion of a community service activity which is required of all awardees.

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**Bronx Writers Center • BCA @ 2700 • Longwood Art Gallery**

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