



John Withers Emerging Pastel Scholarship Artist Program **Supported by the Pastel Society of Victoria, Australia**

What is the John Withers Scholarship Artist Program:

In 2022 John Withers and the Withers family proposed a perpetual donation to the Pastel Society of Victoria, Australia (PSVA) with the vision of providing support to emerging artist. This vision has become a reality, and it is with great pride that we offer four Emerging Artists an opportunity to indulge in the beautiful Pastel medium with support.

The commitment to participants includes:

- 16 hours of tuition in a workshop environment (over two days)
- PSVA Full Membership (one full year)
- Free entry to PSVA monthly meetings (one full year)
- Art materials (pastels and paper/s)
- Published text on Composition (or other)
- Mentor support from experienced pastel artists
- Entry to the PSVA Annual Exhibition (October/November 2024)
- Dedicated prize for John Withers Scholarship winning participant
- Financial support for framing
- One half price workshop (of your choice) run by the PSVA in 2025 only
- Does not include travel expenses, accommodation, meals

The commitment from the applicants:

- Attendance at the two-day workshop
- A two-year commitment to the PSVA (membership)
- Attendance at a graduation dinner
- Entry into the PSVA Annual Exhibition (minimum one painting)
- Attendance at the Opening of the PSVA Annual Exhibition
- Have a working email address and social media presence

Am I eligible to apply:

This Scholarship is open to Emerging Artists. In this instance an Emerging Artist is defined as ‘an artist who has minimal open experience with the pastel medium and has not been successful in winning major prizes at exhibitions (excluding those held in an educational institution).

Two positions will be filled by artists who hold a current membership with the PSVA, and two positions will be filled from outside of the PSVA.

How do I apply:

The JWEPS and PSVA will provide several opportunities to those who are successful in their application to attend. In 2024 there will be four places available and applications for expressions of interest are now open. Please note all applicants must be over the age of 18 years.

To submit your application please send us your artist biography (no more than 300 words) and write 300 words telling us how this program will benefit your artistic journey. Please send your application to Roz Long and Kerrie Carter at workshop@vicpastel.com.au .

Applications close 28 July 2024.