

Joysanne Sidimus Fund – FAQs

Q: Do I qualify for the Joysanne Sidimus Fund?

A: To determine whether you are eligible, please refer to the Eligibility Checklist section of the Application Form, which help you determine if you are an eligible performing or creative artist and may apply to the fund. The Application Form can be found on our website at: <http://artistshealth.com/aha/resources/>

Q: What does the Joysanne Sidimus Fund cover?

A: The Joysanne Sidimus Fund covers 75% of the cost of services at The Al & Malka Green Artists' Health Centre for a maximum of \$760 over a 12 month period.

A list of services offered through the The Al & Malka Green Artists' Health Centre can be found on our website at: <http://artistshealth.com/about-ahc/services/>

The Joysanne Sidimus Fund does not cover services at other clinics, or any medication.

Q: I haven't done my taxes in a while so I don't have a current Notice of Assessment to submit. What can I do?

A: In order to apply for the Joysanne Sidimus Fund, you are required to submit a Notice of Assessment issued by the Canada Revenue Agency to demonstrate your net taxable income for the most recent tax year. If this is not feasible, then you will have to include a letter to the Subsidy Committee outlining your financial situation, and submit alternate documentation to demonstrate your income level. This could include: bank statements for the past year, T4 and T4As for the past year, etc.

If you are a full-time student your NOA is not required. You need only provide a letter confirming full-time enrolment in a professional training program.

Q: My most recent NOA shows that I exceed the financial criteria outlined in the Application Form, but I had a record year and typically don't make that much. Can I still apply?

A: If you are otherwise eligible, you can still apply; however you will have to include a letter to the Subsidy Committee outlining your financial situation, and provide documentation that proves that it wasn't a typical financial year (e.g., NOAs from prior years). The Committee will decide on a case-by-case basis.

Q: My appointment with The AI & Malka Green Artists' Health Centre's Nurse Practitioner is very close to the deadline for submitting applications this month. Can I submit my application before my appointment?

A: Before applying or re-applying for financial assistance, you are required to meet with the Nurse Practitioner at The AI & Malka Green Artists' Health Centre. Applications are not considered complete until this appointment has taken place.

If your appointment is close to the monthly deadline to submit applications, you can submit your application to the Artists' Health Alliance without the Nurse Practitioner signature as long as you indicate the date and time of your appointment. Once your appointment has taken place, and your attendance has been confirmed, the application will be reviewed by the Subsidy Committee. If your appointment with the Nurse Practitioner is cancelled or missed, the application will be put on hold until another one is made and attended.

Q: Can I drop my Joysanne Sidimus Fund application off at The AI & Malka Green Artists' Health Centre?

A: No. The Joysanne Sidimus Fund is managed by the Artists' Health Alliance, and although we work closely with The AI & Malka Green Artists' Health Centre, we are two separate organizations at two separate locations.

Please send your completed Application Form to the Artists' Health Alliance via fax, mail or in person:

- By fax: 416-595-0009
- By mail or in person: Joysanne Sidimus Fund
Artists' Health Alliance
The Lynda Hamilton Centre
250 The Esplanade, Suite 500
Toronto, Ontario M5A 1J2

Q: If I am approved, how long does my funding last?

A: Successful Applicants must use their funding for services at The Al & Malka Green Artists' Health Centre within 12 months of receiving notification from the Artists' Health Alliance that their application has been successful. However, if a successful applicant does not access their funds for a period of six consecutive months, their funding may expire and be reallocated to other artists in need.