

Educational and Cultural Opportunity Fund 2017 ECO Award Application

WiVLA will award two \$1,000 Educational and Cultural Fund grants for 2017, one each for a writer and an artist. The purpose of the awards is to provide support for specific projects that will enhance the creative development of the recipients. Selection at the April 18, 2017, program meeting will be by blind drawing from qualified applications.

A committee that includes past ECO fund winners will screen all entries to ensure that applications are complete and consistent with the intent of the award. Applications that fail this screening will not be included in the drawing.

Completed applications must be postmarked by APRIL 7, 2017. E-mail your application to eco@wivla.org or mail the application (postmarked by April 7) to:

**WiVLA ECO Fund Award
PO BOX 130406
Houston, TX 77219-0406**

Eligibility:

- An applicant must have been a dues-paying member for the previous two consecutive years.
- A member may submit only one application (as either an artist or a writer) in 2017.
- Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.
- Previous recipients of the award are ineligible to apply.

Acceptable uses of the awards include:

- Attending classes, workshops or other educational opportunities
- Acquiring equipment to further creative endeavors
- Creating a community service project
- Supporting other experiences that further creative development

Responsibilities of recipients:

- Present a progress report on the project to the Board of Directors at the October 9, 2017, board meeting.
- Confirm and review the upcoming presentation with the WiVLA Program Chair by February, 2018.
- Present an overview of the completed ECO Fund project at the April, 2018, general meeting using visual material and/or a reading.

Recipients who fail to use the funds according to the guidelines are required to refund the award to WiVLA.

Questions: Send questions regarding the ECO Fund Award application to info@wivla.org .

2017 ECO Fund Award Application Form

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone Number: _____ - _____ - _____ Email Address: _____

Please answer the following questions. Should you need more room, please just keep typing for the email version. Please use the back of the form if you are sending by post.

1) I am applying for an ECO Fund Award in (Please type - writing or art) _____

2) My planned ECO Fund Award project is: (write a description): _____

The mission of WiVLA is to provide an inspiring forum for women to explore and advance their creative development, to promote their work in the marketplace, and to infuse the community with their spirit of cooperation and invention.

3) How would your project support WiVLA's mission? Respond to any applicable areas.

a) Creative Development:

b) Promotion in the Marketplace:

c) Engagement with the Community

If I receive a 2017 ECO Fund Award, I agree to abide by the rules as stated on page 1 of this form. I understand that should I fail to do so, I will have to refund the award money to WiVLA.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
(for email please type your name or insert your signature)