

## ACACA Membership Categories

*The following list will assist members in selecting the category most appropriate to their skill level.*

- Youth:** Youth between the ages of 15 - 18
- Beginner:** Age 19 +. No formal art training at a college or university and has worked in any medium up to 4 years.  
*or* Juror's recommendation to move to the next category. \*\*
- Intermediate:** May have up to one year of formal art training at a college or university,  
*or* has won a Beginner's Award at the Alberta Wide Show,  
*or* has worked independently for 5 consecutive years in any medium and is ready to meet the requirements of entering the Intermediate Category,  
*or* Juror's recommendation to move to the next category. \*\*
- Advanced:** Has been enrolled for more than one year in an art program at a college or university,  
*or* has won an Award in the Intermediate Category at the Alberta Wide,  
*or* has worked independently for 4 consecutive years in any medium and is ready to meet the requirements of entering the Advanced Category.  
*or* Juror's recommendation to move to the next category. \*\*
- Master:** Graduate of an art program from a college or university or has received a BFA or MFA,  
*or* instructs formal classes in art  
*or* has won an Award in the Advanced Category at the Alberta Wide.  
*or* voted on by Board of Directors and/or Juror's recommendation to move to the Signature Member level. (*no automatic move to the signature Member Level*)
- Signature Member:** for qualified members from the Master's Category voted in by the Board of Directors and/or by the Juror's recommendations.
- Digital:** for Members from all levels. The artwork is solely composed and created on a computer using only software tools or a scanned image which is manipulated to significantly change the original. (scanned original must be available to jury if requested) The print must be unique and not an edition.

**\*\* (Opinion of Jurors that artist is ready to move to the next level)**

*A member who has won an award in any category at the Alberta- Wide Show is required to move up to the next category. (with the exception of the Master Category which must be voted on by the Board and/ or Juror recommendation to enter the Signature Category.)*

*Award winners may not move back to a former category.*