



## **WORLD ILLUSTRATION AWARDS 2026 BURSARY/SUBSIDY SCHEME**

### **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

**The Association of Illustrators and Directory of Illustration as WIA delivery partners are offering up to 40 illustrators who otherwise would not be able to participate the opportunity to enter one project into the World Illustration Awards 2026 free of charge. This must be the only project entered.**

Application to the bursary scheme is subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. Applications for a bursary must be made via the form on the AOI website. You do not need to be logged in to the AOI website to apply for a bursary.
2. Applicants are responsible for supplying accurate information, including contact details.
3. Applicants must be aged 18 or over
4. Applications are assessed by the AOI Awards Team.
5. Applications are assessed based on the information provided in the form only.
6. Applicants warrant that all the information they supply is correct and true at the time of entering.
7. The decision of the assessors is final.
8. Applicants warrant that they will enter only one project to WIA2026, and will not pay to enter additional projects.
9. Applicants warrant that they require the bursary/subsidy in order to enter the competition, i.e. they would not otherwise have the means to do so.
10. The deadline to apply for a bursary is end of the day in the applicant's timezone, 27 January 2026.
11. Applicants will be informed of the outcome of their bursary application by 6 February 2026, ensuring they have time to complete their entries to the competition.
12. Applicants who do not make use of their bursary entry by 17 February 2026 automatically forfeit their offer of a free entry.
13. The AOI and DI shall keep confidential the names of bursary recipients throughout the WIA2026 competition. There is no expectation for illustrators to mention their receipt of a bursary at any point during the WIA2026 competition, unless they choose to.
14. The AOI reserves the right to ask for documentation or evidence of financial need (e.g. confirmation of receipt of state support).
15. The AOI reserves the right to withdraw the bursary at any point during the WIA2026 call for entries.
16. The free entry is a 100% discount on the full price, and is not exchangeable for any other product, service or cash.
17. Successful applicants should complete their entry on the website in the usual way, add the entry to the cart to see their unique entry ID and then email this Entry ID to [awards@theaoi.com](mailto:awards@theaoi.com) to complete the submission by the Awards Team. Applicants should not use the checkout system or pay for an entry.