

## **EMERGING ARTIST SCHOLARSHIP \$500 AWARD AVAILABLE**

The Association for Visual Arts (AVA) announces a unique opportunity for regional artists at 4 Bridges Arts Festival in Chattanooga, TN on April 18-19, 2009. For the seventh year, AVA will offer the 4 Bridges Arts Festival Emerging Artists Scholarship. An emerging artist must have a solid body of work, completed in the last 2 years. An emerging artist scholarship applicant, while having a developed & cohesive body of work (not a beginner), should not currently be earning a living as a professional artist. This scholarship should be viewed as an opportunity to begin building a resume and to “jump start” a professional art career with no financial commitment. Only regional applicants, living in a 300-mile radius of Chattanooga, will be eligible.

Recipients of the Emerging Artist scholarship will attend a single afternoon, hands-on workshop with professional artists, receive 500 business cards, and be given free booth space and use of display screens during the Festival. Recipients will also receive a booth image photographed by AVA staff members.

The 4 Bridges Arts Festival supports original and unique visual arts in a distinctive way by providing the Chattanooga community and the surrounding region with a diverse mix of arts and culture. The Festival includes a fine art market featuring artists and fine craftspeople. The Festival also hosts free children’s art activities, live music acts, and a food court featuring a variety of choices to enjoy throughout the weekend. The 4 Bridges Arts Festival is produced by the Association for Visual Arts (AVA), in conjunction with Chattanooga Downtown Partnership (CDP).

### **2009 Timeline**

November 15, 2008	Final application deadline
December 17, 2008	Notifications posted

Applications to the 4 Bridges Arts Festival 2009 will be accepted via the online site [www.zapplication.org](http://www.zapplication.org). Only digital applications will be accepted (meaning that you’ll upload your ‘images’ to the Zapp website instead of sending a paper application with slides). The complete prospectus, along with additional Festival information, is also available at [www.4BridgesArtsFestival.org](http://www.4BridgesArtsFestival.org).

Scholarship applicants must submit 4 images (a booth image is unnecessary), pay the \$40 application fee, and may not apply in any other Festival category. These images must represent their current work, completed within the last two (2) years. The Zapplication program requires that a fifth (blank) image be submitted, which we will provide to the applicant as an email attachment. Scholarship applicants must also submit a resumé, short bio and an essay of up to 400 words regarding his/her work. These additional materials should be emailed to [eledford@avarts.org](mailto:eledford@avarts.org) by the aforesaid deadlines.