

**Wilhelmina Barns-Graham**

(Born: Fife 1912 – Died: St Ives 2004)

Wilhelmina Barns-Graham was one of the foremost abstract artists in the UK. Her sense of colour was exceptional - she painted with great conviction and power, and her paintings remain full of surprise. Her images derived from acute observations of natural forms and places visited, pared to their bare essentials. Her paintings are in public collections throughout the UK including Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art, Arts Council of Great Britain, British Museum, the Tate Gallery, Victoria and Albert Museum, Leeds and Manchester City Art Galleries.

Wilhelmina Barns-Graham went to St. Ives in 1940, quickly becoming part of the group which included Ben Nicholson and Barbara Hepworth. She was a founder member of the Penwith Society, and travelled regularly in Europe over the next 20 years. In 1992, she received an Honorary Doctorate from St Andrews University. In 1999 she was elected an honorary member of the Royal Scottish Academy (RSA) and the Royal Scottish Watercolourists (RSW); she also received Honorary Doctorates from the Universities of Plymouth and Exeter and in 2001 she was awarded CBE.

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**The Award**

The Wilhelmina Barns-Graham Charitable Trust is offering an award of £1,000 to a Falmouth University student to help with their studies and to support their coursework.

During her time as a student at Edinburgh College of Art, Wilhelmina Barns-Graham received a number of bursaries and scholarships and it was her will that a trust be set up to fund bursaries for art students, such as she had received.

This award is aimed at students who may be struggling financially and to whom the award will 'make a difference' to them personally and with their work.

Particular consideration will be given to students who would not otherwise be able to complete their coursework and realise their ideas, without the assistance of the award.

**Eligibility**

To be eligible to apply for an award, you must:

- Be a **BA (Hons) Fine Art** student, in your **first year** of study at Falmouth University.

Key Criteria for the award are:

- You must outline your plans and ideas for your coursework, and the associated costs.
- You must provide information about your financial situation and current funding.
- You must demonstrate how the award will 'make the difference' for you.
- You must demonstrate your commitment to your practice and studies.

## **Assessment**

Applications will be assessed by academic staff with input from the Student Funding Team. Consideration will be based on financial need, coursework plans, and personal commitment as demonstrated by your application.

The Student Funding Team will provide confirmation of applicants' household income assessment and funding provided by Student Finance & the University.

Applications will be assessed during the Summer term and all applicants will be informed of the outcome of their application by letter (to the address provide on the form), to be sent out on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

The successful applicant will receive the award funds once they enrol on level 2 of their course, in September 2017.

## **To Apply**

Please complete the Wilhelmina Barns-Graham Award application form detailing information and covering the key criteria as outlined above.

The deadline for applications is **midday on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2017**.

Completed applications should be submitted either in hard copy to:

Student Funding Team  
Falmouth University  
Tannachie  
Falmouth Campus  
Woodlane

Or sent as an attachment by email to:

[studentfunding@falmouth.ac.uk](mailto:studentfunding@falmouth.ac.uk)

### **Please note:**

**ALL** applications must contain a signature. For forms submitted by email this can be a digital signature or a scanned copy of a signed form sent as an attachment. Typed names are not sufficient and applications without a personal signature will not be accepted.

Any queries regarding the award should be directed to the email address above.

**NO** late applications will be considered.