Write your Bio:

Writing your Biography is a little weird because it is written in the third person. You write about yourself as if you are someone else. It is very factual and doesn't use any 'arty' language.

Some biographies want your basic life story *as an artist*, including everything about your artist self. Our suggestions:

-where you live (can be specific or more general)
-when you became interested in art
-where you studied art or if you are self-taught
-your main area of expertise/interest
-where you have shown your art (galleries, art shows, solo shows, group shows)
-awards you have received
-publications

This biography should be kept up to date with shows and awards added as they happen. It is pretty easy as you just include everything you can think of.

It is a bit more difficult to write a shorter biography; sometimes as few as 50 words is requested.
You want people to know how much you are involved in your art, and there is no space for the details, but you can be a bit more creative.

Another way to quickly write a short bio is to answer just a few questions.

1. Where do you live?
2. What type of art do you specialize in?
3. Where has your art been shown?
4. What awards have you won?

Examples:

50 Words:
Jane Williams is a Manitoba self-taught textile artist and has exhibited artwork in galleries in Winnipeg, including the Frances and Harbour Galleries. Jane is also a member of TFAM and her artwork has traveled with several exhibits. Jane

recently won ‘Viewer’s Choice’ at the Textile Festival held annually in rural Manitoba.

Longer:

Jane Williams is a fibre, textile and mixed media artist living in Winnipeg, MB. Although mostly self-taught, Jane enjoys taking classes and workshops from other artists and has taken classes with Francis Famous and George Alto. Her art is inspired by the beautiful Canadian landscape and she travels extensively in Canada to be inspired. Jane's art has exhibited across Canada with FAN (Fibre Art Network), SAQA (Studio Art Quilt Assoc) and TFAM (Textile & Fibre Artists of MB) and Grand National Exhibition. Jane has also had her artwork exhibited in several galleries in Manitoba including the Buhler Gallery, the Art Gallery of Southwest Manitoba and the Winnipeg Art Gallery. Jane has won several awards over the past few years including first place at the American Quilt Association Show in 2025.