



Artists in Schools Grant Guidelines | FY2017

Artists in Schools Grants support high-impact arts experiences for students. Schools can receive funding to collaborate with artists listed in the Council's [Teaching Artist Roster](#) for up to ten days on programs that have a clear emphasis on collaborative, hands-on learning experiences for students.

Who May Apply

In order to apply to this program, applicants must:

- be a PreK-12 public or private school recognized by the Vermont Department of Education
- have a [Dun & Bradstreet Number](#)

Schools are limited to one Artists in Schools Grant per year, but receiving an Artists in Schools Grant does not prohibit a school from receiving other Arts Council grant funding within the same fiscal year.

Grant Amounts and Matching Requirements

Grant amounts range from \$250-\$2,500 and should be designated to pay teaching artist fees. Though artist fees vary, awards typically pay at the rate of \$250 per residency day. No funding match is required. 75% of the grant amount will be paid on receipt of a signed contract; 25% is paid on receipt of the final report. Grant amounts are dependent upon federal and state funding and are subject to change.

Application and Deadline

Applications are available [online](#) for activities that begin after September 1, 2016 and end by August 31, 2017. Council staff will review all rolling grant applications and funds will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. The Council reserves the right to work with the applicant to improve or clarify grant requests before funding decisions are made.

Applications must be submitted by no later than one month before the start of the activity.

Criteria for Selection and Expectations

The primary focus and purpose of the activity must involve a school visit by an artist who provides students with an active, hands-on experience in the arts. Additionally,

- the artist(s) must be selected from the Council's [Teaching Artist Roster](#)
- a planning meeting with the artist will occur prior to the date of the activity. Teacher(s) and artist(s) are expected to work cooperatively throughout the project to maintain a productive working environment in the classroom
- a full day should not exceed five hours of contact time with students and/or teacher(s)
- a teacher will be present in classroom at all times
- the artist will receive payment directly from the school on or before the day of the event. The Council's grant payment will be made to the school

Schools that receive funding:

- must agree to publicize the activity in the local press (newspapers, radio, and web as appropriate) and give credit to the Vermont Arts Council as well as the National Endowment for the Arts
- are encouraged to inform their state legislators about their Council grant and invite them to attend any public portion of the grant-funded activity
- assume responsibility, as the organization hiring the artist, to conduct appropriate criminal background checks

Preparing Your Application

You will be asked to provide:

- a description of the proposed residency and answers to narrative questions
- the name of teaching artist selected from the Vermont Arts Council Teaching Artist Roster
- estimated impact numbers
- a project budget

Access Compliance and Nondiscrimination Policy

The Vermont Arts Council is committed to supporting entities that maintain an environment free from discrimination on the basis of race, religion, color, creed, national origin, age, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, genetic bias, disability, citizenship, veteran status, or other category protected by applicable state or federal law. Arts Council grant recipients who receive federal or state funds must be in compliance with the requirements of Section 504 of Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (504), the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), the ADA Amendment Act of 2008, and the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design along with 2010 ADA Title III regulations for nondiscrimination.

Questions?

Inquiries about the Artists in Schools Grant program should be made by [email to Troy Hickman](#), or by calling 802.828.3778.