



NEA Grants Workshop
University of Wisconsin
La Crosse
September 17, 2010

Who We Are



The National Endowment for the Arts is a public agency dedicated to supporting excellence in the arts, both new and established; bringing the arts to all Americans; and providing leadership in arts education.

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The National Endowment for the Arts awards more than \$140 million each year to arts organizations of all sizes in all 50 states and U.S. territories.

We Support

- Artist Communities
- Arts Education
- Dance
- Design
- Folk & Traditional Arts
- Literature
- Local Arts Agencies
- Media Arts (Film/Radio/TV/Internet)
- Museums
- Music
- Musical Theater
- Opera
- Presenting
- Theater
- Visual Arts



Fellowships



Literature Fellowships

- Poetry
- Fiction and Creative Nonfiction
- Translation

The next deadline will be in 2011.

State and Regional Partnerships



- 50 State Arts Agencies
- 6 Territories & Jurisdictions
- 6 Regional Arts Organizations



Planning & Preparing Your Grant Application

Who May Apply

- Arts organizations
- Arts service organizations
- Local arts agencies
- Official units of state or local governments
- School districts
- Federally recognized tribal communities and tribes
- Other non-profit organizations



Requirements



- Nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3)
- Three-year history of programming
- One-to-one match for project budget

Requirements

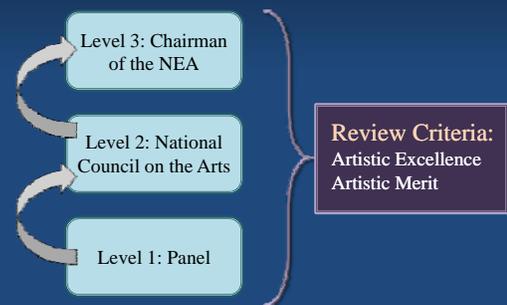


- Meet reporting requirements on any previous NEA awards
- Complete interim and final reports on time

We Do Not Fund

- General operating or seasonal support
- Individuals
- Individual schools
- Facility construction, purchase, or renovation
- Commercial, for-profit enterprises
- Creation of new organizations
- Academic degrees
- Re-granting
- Projects that supplant existing in-school arts instruction

Grants Review Process



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      L1[Level 1: Panel] --> L2[Level 2: National Council on the Arts]
      L2 --> L3[Level 3: Chairman of the NEA]
      L1 & L2 & L3 --- RC[Review Criteria: Artistic Excellence, Artistic Merit]
  
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Grants Review Process

ADVISORY PANEL

- Diverse artistic experience and expression
- Geographic representation
- Gender and ethnic diversity
- Rotation of panelists
- Confidential deliberations
- Conflict-free panels



Grants For Arts Projects

Step 1: Select your discipline

Step 2: Select a funding category

- Access to Artistic Excellence
- Challenge America: Fast Track
- Learning in the Arts for Children and Youth



Access to Artistic Excellence

March Deadline

Projects must have a start date after January 1, 2012

August Deadline

Projects must have a start date after June 1, 2012

Grants range from \$5,000- \$150,000



The next deadline is **March 2011**.

Challenge America: Fast Track

Applicants are notified of awards within six months

Emphasis on underserved communities

All grants are \$10,000



The next deadline will be in **2011**.

The Arts on Radio and Television

Projects make the arts widely available through nationally distributed radio and television programs

Grants range from \$10,000- \$200,000



The next deadline is **September 2, 2010**.



Submitting Your Application

Electronic Submission

- Grants.gov is an online, government-wide electronic application system where all applications are submitted.
- All applicants must complete registration with Grants.gov before applying.
- We advise applicants to submit applications at least 10 days before the deadline.
- WWW.ARTS.GOV SHOULD BE YOUR FIRST STOP**



Grants.gov Registration

It is each organization's responsibility to create and maintain updated registration with Grants.gov.

Grants.gov Five-Step Registration Checklist:

- Obtain a DUNS (Data Universal Numbering System) Number
- Register with CCR (Central Contractor Registration)
- Ensure the "Authorizing Official" for the application has a current username and password
- Have your organization's E-Biz Point of Contact approve your Authorizing Official to submit applications
- Track the Status of your Authorizing Official's approval

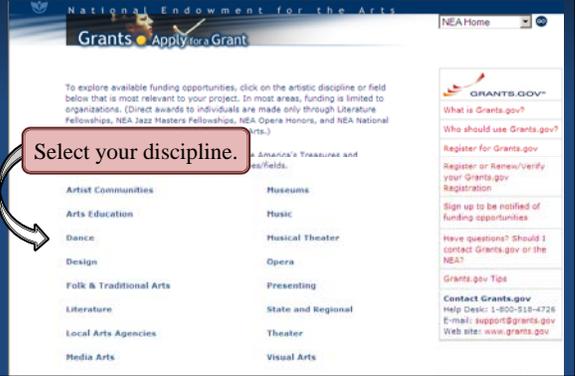
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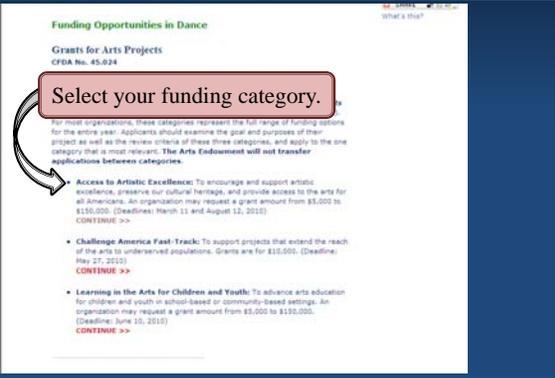
Apply for a Grant

Navigating www.arts.gov



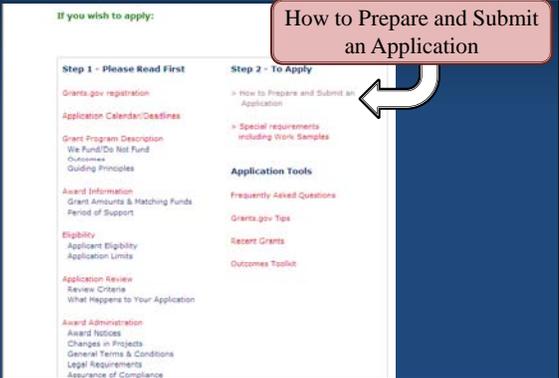
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How to Prepare and Submit an Application

Application Instructions Page

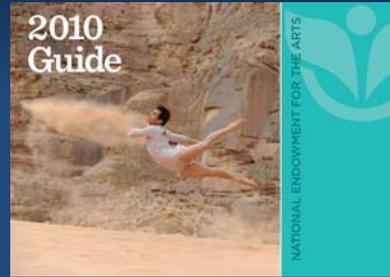


The screenshot shows the Grants.gov website with the following sections:

- DMACC: Access to Artistic Excellence**
- How to Prepare and Submit an Application**
- IMPORTANT NOTICE: Electronic application through Grants.gov is MANDATORY**
- Using Grants.gov**
- Application Instructions**

- Using Grants.gov
- Downloading the Application Package
- Submitting Your Electronic Application
- Steps-by-Step Application Instructions

Resources



Helpful Hints

- Read the NEA Grant Guidelines
- Flesh out the project
- Review previously awarded grants
- Decide appropriate category and deadline for the project
- Contact discipline specialist or director for advice
- Double-check the math on the budget
- Choose an appropriate work sample
- Make note of the earliest project start date
- Review the application checklist
- Do not send your application materials via U.S. mail
- Apply through Grants.gov and register early

Contact Information



www.arts.gov

Application Guidelines Available Online

General Information:
(202) 682-5400