

NATIONAL  
ENDOWMENT  
FOR THE ARTS

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NEA Grants Workshop for  
American Association of State  
Colleges & Universities  
August 24, 2010

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Who We Are



NATIONAL  
ENDOWMENT  
FOR THE ARTS

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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Who We Are



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.  
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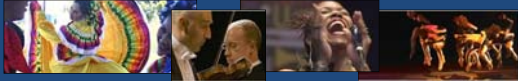
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## We Support

- 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




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## Fellowships



### Literature Fellowships

- Poetry
- Fiction and Creative Nonfiction
- Translation

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

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## State and Regional Partnerships



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

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## National Initiatives

- Model programs of indisputable artistic quality and merit
- Broad national reach
- Conducted in partnership with other organizations
- Strong educational component




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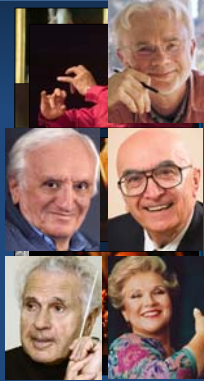
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## Lifetime Honors

### National Medal of Arts

The highest award given by the President of the U.S. each year to artists, arts patrons, and arts organizations for extraordinary contributions to the arts.

Recognize distinguished musicians who have made a significant contribution to jazz. Recognize the exceptional achievements of creators, performers, composers, and others.




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Planning & Preparing  
Your Grant Application

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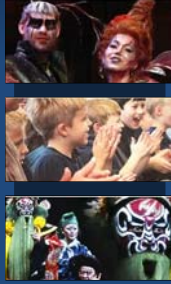
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## Who May Apply

- 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



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## Requirements



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

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## Requirements



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

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## 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

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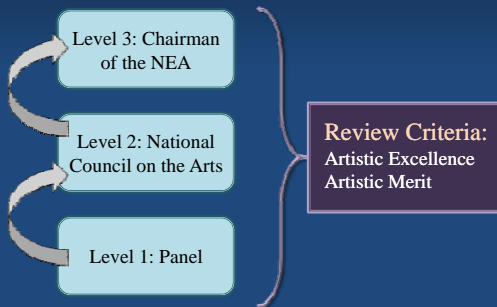
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## Grants Review Process



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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



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## 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



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## 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.**

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## 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.**

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### Learning in the Arts For Children and Youth

All projects must include four components: experience, study, performance, and assessment

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



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

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### 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.**

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### Submitting Your Application

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## 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**




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## Grants.gov Registration

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

Grants.gov Five-Step Registration Checklist:

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

Grants.gov Help Desk: 1-800-518-4726

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## www.arts.gov




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### Navigating www.arts.gov

To explore available funding opportunities, click on the artistic discipline or field below that is most relevant to your project. In most areas, funding is limited to organizations. (Direct awards to individuals are made only through Literature Fellowships, NEA Jazz Masters Fellowships, NEA Opera Honors, and NEA National Endowment.)

**Select your discipline.**

- Artist Communities
- Arts Education
- Dance
- Design
- Folk & Traditional Arts
- Literature
- Local Arts Agencies
- Media Arts
- Museums
- Music
- Musical Theater
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- Presenting
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**GRANTS.GOV™**  
 What is Grants.gov?  
 Who should use Grants.gov?  
 Register for Grants.gov  
 Register or Renew/verify your Grants.gov Registration  
 Sign up to be notified of funding opportunities  
 Have questions? Should I contact Grants.gov or the NEA?  
 Grants.gov Tip  
 Contact Grants.gov  
 Help Desk: 1-800-918-4726  
 E-mail: support@grants.gov  
 Web site: www.grants.gov

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### Navigating www.arts.gov

**Funding Opportunities in Dance**  
 Grants for Arts Projects  
 CFDA No. 45.024

**Select your funding category.**

For most organizations, these categories represent the full range of funding options for the entire year. Applicants should examine the goal and purposes of their project as well as the review criteria of these three categories, and apply to the one category that is most relevant. **The Arts Endowment will not transfer applications between categories.**

- Access to Artistic Excellence:** To encourage and support artistic excellence, preserve our cultural heritage, and provide access to the arts for all Americans. An organization may request a grant amount from \$5,000 to \$150,000. (Deadlines: March 11 and August 12, 2010)  
**CONTINUE >>**
- Challenge America Fast Track:** To support projects that expand the reach of the arts to underserved populations. Grants are for \$10,000. (Deadline: May 27, 2010)  
**CONTINUE >>**
- Learning in the Arts for Children and Youth:** To advance arts education for children and youth in school-based or community-based settings. An organization may request a grant amount from \$5,000 to \$150,000. (Deadline: June 10, 2010)  
**CONTINUE >>**

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### Navigating www.arts.gov

**If you wish to apply:**

**Step 1 - Please Read First**

- Grants.gov registration
- Application Calendar/Deadlines
- Grant Program Description
- Use Fund/Do Not Fund
- Outcomes
- Guiding Principles
- Award Information
- Grant Amounts & Matching Funds
- Period of Support
- Eligibility
- Applicant Eligibility
- Application Limits
- Application Review
- Review Criteria
- What Happens to Your Application
- Award Administration
- Award Notices
- Changes in Projects
- General Terms & Conditions
- Legal Requirements
- Affirmation of Compliance

**Step 2 - To Apply**

- How to Prepare and Submit an Application
- Special requirements including work samples
- Application Tools
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Grants.gov Tip
- Recent Grants
- Outcomes Toolkit

**How to Prepare and Submit an Application**

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## Application Instructions Page



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

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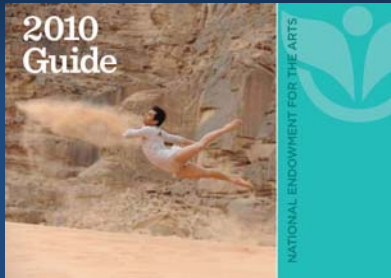
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## Resources




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## 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

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Contact Information



[www.arts.gov](http://www.arts.gov)

Application Guidelines  
Available Online

General Information:  
(202) 682-5400

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