



Chenango County Council of the Arts
2010 Grants For Teachers Program

Application Deadline: Friday, May 7, 2010 ~ 5pm

Purpose

The primary purpose of the Grants for Teachers Program is to provide funding directly to classroom teachers responsible for achieving New York State Education Department Learning Standards for the Arts or Learning Standards for English Language Arts. To the extent possible, this program will provide grants that directly meet the needs of teachers with a minimum of "red tape" and a maximum of flexibility. As a result, the types of projects eligible for funding are limited only to the imagination, invention and creativity of the applicant. **Grant requests may not exceed \$500.**

The following list of potential uses of grant funds is provided for reference:

- Equipment repair/refurbishing, construction or purchase of materials necessary to improve the quality or breadth of students' artistic experiences.
- Field trips, in-school performances or interactions with professional artists.
- Staff development and workshops for teachers.

Eligibility

- All teachers currently employed by a school district in Chenango County or working in a public or private school in Chenango County, grades Pre-K-12.
- Past grantees must submit a final report before being eligible for future funding.
- Faxed, handwritten, incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.

Application Process:

Applications will be reviewed in May by a panel consisting of five people who have demonstrated their passion for the arts. This group includes teachers, educational professionals, teaching artists and Arts Council representatives. Grant notification will be sent immediately following the review and approval process, and grant funds must be used by June 17, 2011, with a final report due no later than June 30, 2011.

The application must consist of a narrative of any length and a budget. (PLEASE NOTE: *The narrative and budget created by the applicant serve as the application. There is no formal application form for this program.*) Applications should address the review criteria in a way that is understandable to a reasonably well-informed lay person. **YOU MUST INDICATE WHETHER YOU WILL ONLY ACCEPT FULL FUNDING WITH THIS PROJECT.**

Review Criteria

Decisions will be based on the following criteria:

1.) Benefit to the development of students.

Student benefit may be described in terms of reaching a large number of students with a limited depth of experience or a small number of students with more in-depth experiences. Developmental or small-scale test projects may also be considered in cases where there is a strong potential to benefit students beyond the life of the funded project. In all cases, substantiating the potential benefit of the project to students is the responsibility of the applicant.

2.) Strength of relationship to SED standards.

Priority will be given to projects that specifically address SED standards for the Arts and English Language Arts.

Other Considerations:

In cases where applications are judged to be relatively competitive in terms of the above criteria, decisions will be also be guided by:

- An interest in distributing funding to a cross section of teachers representing each of the schools in Chenango County.
- Interdisciplinary collaborations.
- New and creative programming in an under-represented medium.

Reporting Requirements:

Recipients are required to submit a final report documenting the use of funds and the extent to which this use has achieved its intended benefit to students as described in the application. The final report will be included with the grant check and is due no later than June 30, 2011. Future funding is dependent on return of the final report.

Send the original application, with seven (7) copies to:

Chenango County Council of the Arts
2010/11 Grants For Teachers Program
27 West Main Street, Norwich, NY 13815

Please call the Arts Council at 336-2787 for assistance with your application.

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