

2016 Grants for Teachers Program

Application Deadline: Tuesday, December 1, 2015 ~ 5pm

For projects planned through December 31, 2016!

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 for reference: Equipment repair/refurbishing, construction or purchase of materials necessary to improve the quality or breadth of students’ artistic experiences, cultural field trips, in-school performances or interactions with professional artists, cultural staff development and workshops for teachers.*

NEW CULINARY ARTS CATEGORY!

With the generous support of Chobani, the Culinary Arts category seeks to inspire the next generation of food innovators by offering up to **\$1,000 for culinary arts grants** through the 2016 Grants for Teachers program (restricted to grants of \$500 or less). Funded projects will be those that spark the imagination of students through the transformative power of food, embracing core nutritional values and enticing participants to nurture their own creativity and ingenuity in expressing themselves through the culinary arts. *Examples of possible culinary arts projects may be: Recipes and new uses for yogurt. Yogurt for projects will be provided by Chobani, please inquire with the Arts Council.* Chobani started as one man with a dream: better food for more people. After two years of painstakingly developing the perfect recipe, Chobani hit the shelves and quickly became America’s No. 1 selling Greek yogurt brand. **We encourage local youth to participate in appreciating this wonderful resource right in our own backyard!**

ELIGIBILITY

- Teachers currently employed by school districts 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 by a panel consisting of people who have demonstrated their passion for the arts. This group may include teachers, educational professionals, teaching artists and Arts Council representatives. Grant notification will be sent immediately following the review/approval process, and grant funds must be used by December 31, 2016, with a final report due no later than January 31, 2017.

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 FOR THIS PROJECT! (Keep in mind the benefits of partial funding.)**

Review 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 State Education Department Learning standards.**

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 Chenango schools.
- 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 form will be included with the grant check and is due no later than January 31, 2017. The form is also available on our website at: www.chenangoarts.org. Future funding is dependent on return of the final report.

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

Chenango Arts Council, GFT Program
27 West Main Street, Norwich, NY 13815

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