



2023 Individual Artist Grant Guidelines

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About

Individual Artist grants support the creation of new artwork by individual artists residing in Cattaraugus, Chemung, Schuyler, Steuben, and Tioga counties. The grant's goal is to support the creative work of individual artists in all disciplines while highlighting the role of artists as vital members of the community.

These grants are made possible with public, State Community Regrant (SCR) funds from the New York State Council on the ARTS (NYSCA), a state agency, and administered locally by The ARTS Council of the Southern Finger Lakes (The ARTS Council).

Grant Criteria

Grants are awarded based upon the following criteria:

- Artistic and/or Cultural Merit
- Strength of Artistic Work Sample
- Accessibility to Created Work
- Managerial & Fiscal Competence

Priority is given to the following:

- Applications that advance diversity, equity, and inclusion

Grant Amount & Funding Eligibility

Applicants can request grant funding from \$1,000 to \$2,500.

Funding can support any expenses, including an artist's time, directly related to the planning, creation, and completion of the artwork, and its presentation to the public.

Applicants may submit up to three (3) funding requests in any combination of Community Arts, Teaching Artist, and Individual Artist grants totaling no more than \$5,000. There is no required match.

See addendum for more details on funding eligibility.

Applicant Eligibility

Individual artists of all disciplines residing in Cattaraugus, Chemung, Schuyler, Steuben, or Tioga county are eligible to apply. Artists under 18 years of age and/or enrolled in a higher education degree program are not eligible to apply.

See addendum for more details on applicant eligibility.

Artwork Eligibility

Artwork must be created and completed during the 2023 calendar year.

All created artwork must be made accessible to the community through an activity or platform that can be accessible to the general public. This public activity must occur in the same county where the applicant resides. Examples include, but are limited to, exhibitions, websites, installations, or performances.

Direct NYSCA applicants may offer their venue gratis, handle ticketing, and provide other support for the public activity, however, the public activity cannot financially benefit direct NYSCA applicants. Additionally, the public activity cannot be advertised as part of the NYSCA applicant's official season/programming and must clearly use the provided credit language indicating that it is a SCR funded activity.

See addendum for more details on artwork eligibility.

Application Process and Deadline

The application deadline is 11:59pm on Friday, December 9, 2022. Applications are submitted online through our online application system at <https://earts.submittable.com/submit>.

A completed application consists of the following:

- Applicant Information
- Artwork Information
- Budget Narrative
- Artist(s) Biographies
- Artistic Work Samples
- Letter of Partnership (if applicable)

The application consists of a mixture of short answers and narratives. Please note, there is no budget form.

Review Process

Grant panels consisting of community members evaluate and score applications based on the grant criteria.

Based on these evaluations and available funding, The ARTS Council will assign an applicable dollar amount. The ARTS Council, however, does not make any evaluative decisions or make recommendations to the grant panel.

When considering applications from previously funded applicants, upon request, panelists can be furnished historical records. Prior support does not imply or guarantee that an application will be funded. Additionally, assistance or recommendations made to an applicant doesn't guarantee funding and may not reflect the panel's decisions.

The ARTS Council's Board of Directors previews panel decisions but cannot change panel decisions.

Application Assistance

All applicants are encouraged to discuss their projects with the Grants Manager before submitting their applications. The Grants Manager will also conduct a series of grant information sessions covering a variety of topics. Applicants are strongly encouraged to attend one or more of these sessions. The schedule can be found on The ARTS Council's website at www.earts.org/grants.

Applicants are encouraged to submit drafts of their application narratives via email at least 1 week before the deadline. The Grants Manager will review drafts for clarity with an eye towards the grant criteria, not for copyediting and rewriting. Please note, the recommendations of the Grants Manager may not align with the grant panelists. The Grants Manager cannot look at last minute drafts.

At the request of an applicant, the Grants Manager can make requested changes to an applicant's submitted application up until the deadline. After the deadline, no changes can be made. The Grants Manager will not review submitted applications for completeness.

Contact the Grants Manager at chris@eARTS.org or 607-962-1332 x205 for more assistance.

Award Notification & Distribution of Funds

Funding is subject to the availability of funds from the New York State Council on the Arts. All applicants will receive award notification and feedback via email by the end of January, 2023. Successful applicants will receive their funds once a signed acceptance agreement is returned. Email is preferred.

About The ARTS Council

The ARTS Council of the Southern Finger Lakes (The ARTS Council) is a regional arts services organization located in the Southern Tier of New York State serving artists of all disciplines, organizations, and the public. Further information is available at www.eARTS.org.

Addendum: Detailed Eligibility Information

Consult the Grants Manager to determine if your application meets all eligibility requirements. The following will make your application ineligible for funding::

Applicant

- Applied directly to NYSCA for 2023 funding, whether or not it was received. This includes sponsored applications
- Failed to submit final reports for completed, SCR funded grant applications.
- Is an unincorporated group, nonprofit, or unit of local government
- Does not submit an application through the online application system

Artwork/Public Activity

- Work not solely created in 2023
- Occurs outside the county where the applicant resides
- Specifically targets home-school participants
- Non-arts activities and/or projects that lack an artistic component
- Proposes the acquisition of artwork
- Activities whose primary focus is fundraising
- Cannot be completed between January 1, 2023 and December 31, 2023
- Restricted to the specific membership of an organization

- Proposes, as the primary benefit, the financial gain of an individual or organization
- Proposes support of commercial arts, martial arts, journalism and entertainment (such as balloons, clowns, bubble presentations and/or magicians, sip and paint)

Funding Request

- Is less than \$1,000 or exceeds \$2,500
- Supports equipment purchases in excess of \$1,000
- Application income exceeds application expenses
- Pays children or students (primary, secondary, higher education) as professional artists
- Pays cash prizes or awards
- Pays operating, deficit, capital, start-up, contingency, or other administrative expenses not related to the project
- Pays fellowships and/or scholarships
- Pays entertainment, party, reception expenses