

Scholarships are now available through the Illinois Arts Council for emerging arts professionals from Illinois seeking to attend the 2012 Americans for the Arts Emerging Leaders Preconference and Annual Convention. The Preconference will be held June 7-8, 2012, and the full convention continues June 8-10, 2012. Both will be held in San Antonio, Texas.

Eligibility

- Organizations must:
 - ✓ be incorporated and registered as a not-for-profit corporation in good standing with the Illinois Secretary of State, or be an agent of a governmental body
 - ✓ have successfully submitted final reports for all awarded Illinois Arts Council grants in the last two completed fiscal years, and have no record of forfeiture of grants during the same period.
- Artists and individuals must:
 - ✓ be legal residents of the state of Illinois for the twelve months prior to the application deadline and throughout the grant period
 - ✓ be at least 18 years old
 - ✓ be citizens of the United States or holders of permanent resident alien status
- All Scholarship Recipients must meet the Americans for the Arts' definition of Emerging Leader: Professionals with less than 10 years of experience in the field of arts administration.
- Individuals enrolled in any degree or certificate granting program (including high school, bachelor, or master degree programs) at the time of application or during the award period are NOT eligible to apply. (Ph.D. candidates need to have completed their course work by the application deadline to be eligible)

Applicants must submit a copy of one of the following items at the time of application:

Individuals:

- Illinois driver's license which includes the date issued and expiration date (photocopy entire front and back);
- State of Illinois identification card which includes the date issued and expiration date; (photocopy entire front and back);
- Illinois state income tax forms for the most recent year;

Nonprofit Organizations:

- One of the following Proof of Not-for-Profit:
 - Online Proof
 - Annual Report
 - Certificate of Good Standing

Support

- Individuals and nonprofit organizations can apply for up to \$700 to support expenses including registration, hotel, and travel.
- All additional costs for attending the preconference and convention must be assumed by the scholarship recipient.

Deadline

- The deadline for application is **Friday, March 30, 2012**. Applications received after 5:00pm on Friday, March 30, 2012, will not be eligible.

How to Apply

For Organizations

To apply, in addition to the Application Cover Sheet indicating the request amount, please submit a letter indicating:

1. Why your organization is interested and how participation in Americans for the Arts Emerging Leaders Preconference and Annual Convention will be of benefit
 - Be specific.
 - Identify the individual you would like to send, their job title, and a brief description of their work duties and resume (no more than one page).
 - Explain why you have chosen to send this individual.
2. Contact information, including:
 - Organization name
 - Contact person
 - Address
 - Email
 - Phone
 - Website
3. A budget indicating your anticipated expenses.

For Individuals

To apply, in addition to the Application Cover Sheet indicating the request amount, please submit a letter indicating:

1. Why are you interested, and how participation in Americans for the Arts Emerging Leaders Preconference and Annual Convention will benefit you. Be specific.
2. Contact information, including:
 - Name
 - Address
 - Email
 - Phone
 - Website (if applicable)
3. A budget indicating your anticipated expenses
4. A resume (no more than one page)

Submitting Your Application

Email one copy of the application cover sheet and request letter to j.armstrong@illinois.gov

In addition, submit hard copies of the same application material (original application with original signature plus one copy) and one copy of appropriate proof of not-for-profit status or residency verification to:

Grant Office.
Illinois Arts Council
100 W Randolph, Suite 10-500
Chicago, IL 60601

If you have any questions regarding the application, please feel free to contact Jennifer Armstrong, Director of Community Arts Development Programs, at (312) 814-4993 or j.armstrong@illinois.gov. More information about Americans for the Arts Emerging Leaders Preconference and Annual Convention is available online at www.artsusa.org.

Application Review

Scholarship recipients are selected on a competitive basis by Illinois Arts Council staff. Applications will be evaluated on the following:

- **Clarity** of activity as indicated in the application letter;
- **Impact** - Potential of the proposed activity to advance the applicant's career and/or organization as indicated in the application and resume

Announcements will be made by **April 6, 2012**.

Restrictions

Scholarship funds may only be used to attend the Americans for the Arts Emerging Leader Preconference and Annual Convention in San Antonio, TX, June 8-10, 2012.

Requirements

- Scholarship recipients must submit a report within 30-days after the convention on what you learned or gained by attending. Final reports are due by July 13, 2012. Recipients who fail to meet this deadline forfeit their award.
- Scholarship Recipients must register by April 27, 2012 in order to qualify for the Early Bird Rates.
- Scholarship Recipients must attend the Emerging Leaders Preconference. The full convention is optional.
- Registration: <http://convention.artsusa.org/action/register>

Impact of the state's fiscal crisis of fiscal year 2012 Grant Recipients

As you should be aware, the state of Illinois is experiencing an ongoing fiscal crisis. This crisis may affect the amount of funding available for grant awards. As it did in Fiscal Years 2010 and 2011, we expect the state's financial situation to continue to impede the timely payment of its bills and obligations, including Illinois Arts Council grants.

Although payments from the State Comptroller's Office will, more than likely, run several months behind schedule, grantees are legally obligated to complete their proposed activities as outlined in their grant agreements.

We strongly advise potential applicants to thoroughly understand the possible implications for them of the verities of this initiative. If you are awarded a scholarship, you need to be thoroughly aware of the almost certain and potentially significant delay in receiving grant funds. For example, in FY2010 and in FY2011 many grants to individuals were delayed well over six months.

Therefore scholarship recipients should ensure they have access to available resources (monetary and otherwise) with which to fully complete the funded activity in the timeframe and manner specified *before* they receive the actual award.

ILLINOIS ARTS COUNCIL
SPECIAL PROJECT GRANT COVER SHEET - ORGANIZATIONS

Select project discipline:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Arts-in-Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Disciplinary | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dance | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Arts Agency | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Visual Arts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ethnic/Folk Arts | <input type="checkbox"/> Media Arts | <input type="checkbox"/> Presenters | |

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name of Applicant Organization (applicant's legal name)

Applicant's Legal Address (PO Boxes will not be accepted)

City, State, Zipcode

Website Address

Telephone

Official to whom notification should be sent

Title

Email Address

Contact Person

Title

Email Address

Address (if different from above)

City, State, Zipcode

Daytime Telephone

Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN)

DUNS Number

PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY

A. Total Cash Expenses	\$ _____	C. Total In-Kind Contributions	\$ _____
B. Total Cash Income	\$ _____	D. IAC Request Amount	\$ _____

PROJECT SUMMARY

Provide a brief summary of project:

STATEMENT OF ASSURANCES

The applicant HEREBY AGREES THAT:

1. The activities and services for which assistance is sought will be administered by or under the supervision of the applicant.
 2. Any funds received under this grant shall not be used to supplant funds normally budgeted for services of the same type.
 3. It will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 200D); and FURTHER AGREES THAT it will comply with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 200e) as amended by the Equal Employment Opportunities Act of 1972 (Public Law 92-261) and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-336), and the Constitution of the State of Illinois (article 1 section 17-19); and FURTHER AGREES THAT it will comply with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 706); and FURTHER AGREES THAT it will comply with Title IX of the Education Amendment of 1972 (20 U.S.C. 1981); and FURTHER AGREES THAT it will comply with the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (Public Law 94-135, Title III, Article 303).
 4. The figures, facts and representation in this application, including all exhibits and attachments, are true and correct to the best of its knowledge and belief.
 5. The filing of this application has been authorized by the governing board of the applicant.
 6. It will expend funds received as a result of this application solely on the described projects and programs and will separately provide funds for the maintenance of the organization.
- THIS ASSURANCE is binding on the Applicant, its successors, transferees and assignees. The person (or persons) whose signature appears below is authorized to sign this Assurance on behalf of the Applicant.**

Signature of Authorizing Official

Date

Signature of Person completing this application

Date

Type Name and Title

Email Address

Type Name and Title

**ILLINOIS ARTS COUNCIL
SPECIAL PROJECT GRANT COVER SHEET - INDIVIDUALS**

Select project discipline:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Dance | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Arts Agency | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Visual Arts |
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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name of Applicant (applicant's legal name) _____ Email Address _____

Also Known As (AKA) _____ Website Address _____

Legal Address of Applicant (PO Boxes will not be accepted) _____ Daytime Telephone _____

City, State, Zipcode _____ Other Telephone _____

Mailing Address of Applicant (if different than above) _____

City, State, Zipcode _____

PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY

A. Total Cash Expenses \$ _____ C. Total In-Kind Contributions \$ _____

B. Total Cash Income \$ _____ D. IAC Request Amount \$ _____

PROJECT SUMMARY

Provide a brief summary of project:

STATEMENT OF ASSURANCES

The applicant HEREBY AGREES THAT:

1. She/he is a U.S. citizen, or permanent resident alien,
2. Is currently and has been a resident of the state Illinois for the previous twelve months,
3. Is at least eighteen years of age,
4. Is not enrolled in a degree or certificate granting program,
5. The activities and services for which assistance is sought will be administered by or under the supervision of the applicant,
6. The figures, facts and representation in this application, including all exhibits and attachments, are true and correct to the best of the applicant's knowledge and belief,
7. Funds received as a result of this application will be expended solely on the described project.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____