



New NEA Guidelines

Application guidelines for the next round of *Grants for Arts Projects* are now available on the NEA's website. Organizations may apply under the following 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. (Two deadlines: March 10 and August 11, 2008)
- **Challenge America: Reaching Every Community Fast-Track Review Grants:** To support projects that extend the reach of the arts to underserved populations. Grants are for \$10,000. (Deadline: June 2, 2008)
- **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 9, 2008)

To view the guidelines, go to www.arts.gov/grants/apply, select the field or discipline most relevant to your project, and *Grants for Arts Projects* will be the first funding opportunity listed.

How to Apply

Organizations are required to submit their applications electronically through Grants.gov, the federal government's online application system.

In order to apply through Grants.gov, you must be registered with Grants.gov. If your organization has not yet registered, allow at least two weeks for this one-time, multi-step process. See "[Register with Grants.gov](#)" for details. If you have already registered, renew/verify your registration with Grants.gov and make sure that all of your information is up to date before you apply.

New Grants.gov Software

The PureEdge software required in previous years has been replaced with Adobe software that allows Mac users to apply electronically as easily as PC users. You now must have Adobe Reader version 8.1.1, a small, free software program, installed on your computer in order to access, complete, and submit applications. NOTE: Only Adobe Reader version 8.1.1 can be used; other versions will prevent you from submitting your application through Grants.gov.



National Endowment for the Arts Opera Honors

For the first time in 25 years the National Endowment for the Arts has created a new award to recognize lifetime achievement and individual excellence, the *National Endowment for the Arts Opera Honors*. This award will honor visionaries and luminaries who, by making extraordinary contributions to opera in the United States, have become cultural treasures of this great nation. This honor represents the highest recognition that our nation bestows in opera.

Recipients of the *National Endowment for the Arts Opera Honors* will be selected on the basis of nominations from the public. Nominees must be citizens or permanent residents of the United States.

How to Make a Nomination

Nominations must be submitted online at the Arts Endowment's Web site no later than February 11, 2008.

[Click here for more information and to make a nomination.](#)

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