



## Where to Find Grants for Arts Education Programs

### **National Endowment for the Arts:**

*Learning in the Arts for Children and Youth* provides grant funds to “advance arts education for children and youth in school-based or community-based

settings.” Note: Individual schools may not apply, but school districts are eligible. The deadline to apply is June 10, 2010. Grants range from \$5,000 to \$100,000. Average grant awards are \$25,000.

<http://www.nea.gov/grants/apply/Artsed.html>

**Target:** Target offers grants to schools and nonprofits that bring arts and cultural experiences directly to K-12 students. These programs must have a curriculum component. *Art and Culture in Schools* grants are \$2,000. Grant applications are typically accepted between March 1 and April 30 each year, with grant notifications delivered in September.

<http://sites.target.com/site/en/company/page.jsp?contentId=WCMP04-031764>

**Virginia Commission for the Arts:** Your school may apply to the *Artist in Residency Program* and receive grant funds to bring professional artists to your school. <http://www.arts.virginia.gov/forms/artsed/artresidency.html> The deadline to apply is April 1, 2010. Grants range from \$1,500 to \$15,000; depending on artist fees and length of residency. Got questions? Contact Elizabeth Cantile, Arts in Education Coordinator at 804-225-3132 or [Elizabeth.cantile@arts.virginia.gov](mailto:Elizabeth.cantile@arts.virginia.gov)

## Other Resources

**School Grants:** <http://www.schoolgrants.org/>- provides a “one-stop site for PK-12 school grant opportunities” with sample grants, grant writing tips and funding opportunities.

**Foundation Center Cooperating Collection** – The City of Roanoke Public Library is a *Cooperating Collection of the Foundation Center* (<http://foundationcenter.org>). You can search the database to look for other funding opportunities (the database is very user friendly and Library Reference staff will even help you with your search!). NOTE: access to the Foundation Center database is available at the Main Library only.

**U-GRO (Unbiased Grant Review Oversight) Program** – The Arts Council of the Blue Ridge will connect you to professional grant reviewers and readers (for a nominal fee of \$25). They will review your draft proposal, while providing constructive feedback. Although not a guarantee for funding awards, *U-GRO* will help you improve your grant writing skills. For more information on *U-GRO* contact Laura Rawlings at 540-342-5791 or [lrawlings@theartscouncil.org](mailto:lrawlings@theartscouncil.org)

**And Lastly....**All arts organizations participating in the *Arts Institute for Educators* have programs you can bring into your classroom; many of which are supported by grant funds (they secure) so the cost is extremely reasonable and affordable.



Please contact them

directly for additional information. You may also visit The Arts Council of the Blue Ridge's *Arts Education Network* on our web site for a listing of arts education programs/activities provided by area arts organizations.

<http://theartscouncil.org/education/connection.html>