



2025 Visual Arts Education Grants GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Grant funding is available to nonprofit organizations located in Middlesex County to support Visual Arts Education programming for Middlesex County residents and visitors during calendar year 2025. Organizations are invited to submit a proposal for free or low-cost visual arts education programming that decreases barriers to access and participation.

This opportunity is for public-facing programs.

Requirements:

- Organizations must be a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization during time of application submission.
- Facility and grant-funded activities must take place within Middlesex County.
- All programming must be open to the public and comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.
- Previous grantees must be in “good standing” with the Arts Institute of Middlesex County, complying with all contractual requirements of the grant contract.
- Projects must take place between June 6, 2025 – December 31, 2025.
- A final report is required.
- Grants range from \$1,000-\$5,000
- No cash match required.

Deadline to Apply: Monday, May 12, 2025 by 11:59pm

Submit your application through the online grants portal: <https://middlesex.smapply.io/>

Questions? Contact Grants Administration Manager, Richard Simon
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Allowable Funding Uses:

- Proposals may include requests for: summer art camp, visual arts classes, symposia, hands-on workshops, residencies, exhibitions with open calls and gallery talks, or other events/programming with educational and interactive components with participants
- Hiring teaching artists directly related to your project
- Hiring outside project coordinators, planning or nonprofit consultants, specialists, and/or training professionals directly related to your project
- Marketing, graphic design, and/or printing when directly related to your project
- Supplies when directly related to your project
- Phone and postage when directly related to your project
- Rentals when directly related to your project
- Insurance when directly related to your project

Restricted Funding Uses:

- General administrative salaries
- Payment to board members
- Equipment or items with a life of 3 years or more
- Maintenance, restoration, or renovation
- Deficits or losses from other events or projects
- Any project or part of a project that is already completed
- Fundraisers
- Paying individuals under age 18
- Scholarships or awards
- Food and Hospitality
- Out-of-state travel
- Costs related to legal expenses or disputes
- Purchase of artwork
- Indirect costs
- Fireworks
- Subgranting