



Artists in Schools and Communities Artist Registry Application

Overview

The Montana Arts Council's arts education programs provide access to quality arts learning to develop the creative potential of Montanans of all ages, from preschool through senior adults. Toward that goal, we offer the Artists in Schools and Communities Registry.

The AISC Registry is a resource for schools and community organizations to identify professional teaching artists available to help Montana students acquire knowledge and skills in the arts and experience life-long learning through creative expression, exploration and participation in the arts.

The AISC Registry is intended as a place for schools and communities to "shop" for a teaching artist to work with their students. Arts organizations that provide education programs and performing ensembles that tour to schools and communities are also listed. Any teaching artist or organization on the AISC Registry may be contacted, regardless of whether that school or organization is currently receiving a Montana Arts Council grant.

For information about the Montana Arts Council Artists in Schools and Communities grant program to support bringing a teaching artist to work with your students, please click [here](#).

What is a teaching artist?

A professional teaching artist is an "artist-educator," able to translate their creative process into an instructional setting. Nationally recognized teaching artist and author Eric Booth developed the following definition:

"A teaching artist is a practicing professional artist with the complementary skills and sensibilities of an educator, who engages people in learning experiences in, through, and about the arts."

Teaching artists represent all disciplines including dance, literary arts, media arts, music, storytelling, theatre, visual arts, folk and traditional arts, and multidisciplinary arts. **MAC is currently accepting applications from teaching artists and arts organizations. If you are considering submitting your application, it is a good idea to call a member of our staff first.**

What types of services do teaching artists provide?

- Short and long-term school and after-school residencies for PK-12 students

- Arts experiences, including in-school performances by professional artists, as well as guided field trips to studios, galleries, art centers, museums, and performances
- Integration of the arts throughout the curriculum as a way of engaging all learners
- Standards-based instruction to supplement ongoing curriculum-based arts instruction in Preschool through Grade 12
- Discipline-specific learning in the arts, such as visual art, dance, theater, music, poetry, media arts
- Professional learning opportunities in the arts for classroom teachers, arts specialists and other professional artists
- Lifelong learning in the arts through community arts events, classes and workshops
- Learning that takes place in a variety of settings, including senior centers, healthcare facilities and detention centers.

Who is eligible to be listed on the Artists in Schools and Communities Registry?

The Montana Arts Council is currently accepting applications from individual teaching artists, arts organizations and performing ensembles that provide the types of services listed above to groups of PK-12 and/or adult learners. Successful candidates will demonstrate:

- Evidence of mastery and a professional practice in an artistic discipline
- Knowledge and expertise in sequential arts instruction
- Good communication skills
- Planning and organizational ability
- Understanding of the learners the teaching artist(s) intend to work with, whether PK-12 or adult
- Undergraduate college students are NOT eligible to apply

Teaching artists are eligible to be on the AISC Registry for three years. To maintain status, artists must re-submit their materials every three years to prove active professional activity. Applicants will be notified of this requirement at the appropriate time. Active professional activity includes proof of contracted residencies and workshops, professional development, presentations, performances, etc.

IMPORTANT: A listing on the Artists in Schools and Communities Registry is NOT a guarantee of employment for teaching artists. The AISC Registry is intended as a resource to help connect teaching artists to schools and communities. MAC does not act as an agent for artists. Interested school and community organizations are responsible for contacting the artist directly, and contracting and paying artist fees, as negotiated between the artist and contracting organization.

Questions about the Artists in Schools and Communities Registry? Please contact Monica Grable, Director of Arts Education, Monica.Grable@mt.gov or (406) 444-6522.



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Contact / Background Information:

Name of individual artist or group

Address

City County State Zip

Phone Alt. Phone

Email

Years of teaching experience Degree(s) or additional background:

Artistic Discipline:

Age-level Preference (choose all that apply):

Preschool

Grades K-2

Grades 3-5

Grades 6-8

Grades 9-12

Adult learners (age 18-59)

Senior learners (age 60+)

Website Address (optional, but strongly encouraged. Your web address will be included in your registry listing. You may also provide a link to a YouTube or Vimeo clip that provides a demonstration or introduction to your work):

Additional Resources Examples include video or image links (YouTube, Vimeo, online digital portfolios, etc.)

1. Please describe a typical classroom experience a student would have with you or your organization. What new skills and abilities would they develop through the arts learning experience you offer?

2. Please describe the ways in which you engage learners in creating art in your discipline.

3. Please submit a 50-word artist statement or teaching philosophy that describes the experience you offer a group of students. This statement will appear on the Artist Registry. MAC reserves the right to edit your statement for length and/or clarity.

4. FOR INDIVIDUAL ARTISTS ONLY: Please list two references that can speak to your experience as a teaching artist. If you wish to work in PK-12 classrooms, these references should include classroom teachers, principals or administrators in schools where you have provided services.

Reference #1:

Position:

Phone:

Reference #2:

Position:

Phone:

Email:

Email:

In addition to this completed form, please include the following in your application:

1. INDIVIDUAL ARTISTS ONLY: Attach a sample lesson plan from a lesson that you have led with a group of learners.
2. If you are an arts organization, please include any study guides or educational materials (brochures, etc.) that are speak to your education offerings.
3. INDIVIDUAL ARTISTS ONLY: Attach your resume or curriculum vita.
4. Attach a photo that you would like included with your AISC Registry listing. The photo ideally should of the artist or group. This photo **MUST** be in electronic format; hard copies will not be accepted. Photos should be jpeg format, 300 dpi. Professional photos are preferred.

Please submit your materials to Monica Grable, Director of Arts Education, at the Montana Arts Council. Electronic submissions are strongly preferred. Please email materials to Monica.Grable@mt.gov .

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