

Rasmuson Foundation Arts Educators Grant

PURPOSE OF THE GRANT

The Rasmuson Foundation initiated the Arts Educator grants to encourage the reconnection of artists/teachers to the practice of their art. It is our hope that through this reconnection to the practice of the arts, new energy, creativity and ideas will infuse Alaskan classrooms. The Arts Educators program provides grants to certified, permanently assigned full and part-time K-12 teachers instructing in all artistic disciplines to immerse themselves in their own creative work, interact with professional artists, and stay current with new practices. Awards may be used to defray the costs of tuition, fees, room and board, travel and other costs associated with advanced arts study or residences; purchase of materials and equipment to create a new body of work.

The program is funded and awarded by the Rasmuson Foundation and administered by the Alaska State Council on the Arts. For more information, call the ASCA Arts in Education program at 269-6682 or 1-888-278-7424.

Following completion of the award activity, teachers may apply for up to \$500 to support post residency activities with students and fellow teachers. Activities could include exhibits, performances, lectures, demonstrations and/or workshops.

AMOUNT OF GRANTS

Maximum amount: \$3,000, based on actual expense.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Applications must be postmarked or received in the Council office by **FEBRUARY 15**. Faxed applications will not be accepted. Mail or hand-deliver applications to the Alaska State Council on the Arts, 411 W. 4th Avenue, Suite 1E, Anchorage, AK 99501. Applications are also available on the ASCA website, www.eed.state.ak/us/aksca.

ELIGIBILITY

- K-12 arts educators whose primary responsibility is arts instruction
- Must have been teaching arts in a school setting for a minimum of three years
- Must plan to continue as an arts educator in Alaska
- Previous grant recipients are not eligible to re-apply
- Must be a legal resident of Alaska
- Must be a permanently assigned, full or part-time K-12 Alaskan arts educator

HOW TO APPLY

Please read the program guidelines carefully. Incomplete applications will not be considered. All applicants must include:

- A completed and signed application form
- Resume or Curriculum Vitae (do not include work samples)

- Letter of recommendation from principal or chief school administrator
- Narrative (see application)

Selection Criteria: Teachers will be expected to design a program that provides opportunities to interact with professional artists and enhances their understanding of current techniques, activity and thinking in their artistic discipline. It may include: study at arts courses; attendance at advanced art-making workshops, festivals or institutes; residencies at artists colonies; formal mentor relationships with recognized professional artists or other artistic entities or; purchase of materials or equipment to produce a new body of work.

Applications will be evaluated based on:

- Demonstrated excellence as teacher and artist
- Quality and relevance of the proposed project to the applicant
- Quality and realistic expectations of plan
- Anticipated impact of post-award on future teaching

Review Process	Staff will review applications for completeness. The panel will review applications and submit funding recommendations to the Alaska State Council on the Arts. All applicants will be notified of the final decision.
Publicity	The Rasmuson Foundation and the Alaska State Council on the Arts must be credited in brochures, news releases, programs and other printed material. Grant recipients may request a camera ready or digital image of both the Rasmuson and ASCA logo for use in publicity materials.
For Help	For assistance preparing an application call, e-mail or the ASCA Arts in Education office: Telephone: 907/269-6682 or toll free in Alaska 1/888-278-7424 E-mail: ruth.glenn@alaska.gov

Receiving a Grant: If you receive a grant, a letter will be sent to you that will serve as a contract with the Alaska State Council on the Arts (ASCA). If you agree to the terms of the letter, sign and return it to the ASCA office within 60 days. Allow at least four weeks for ASCA to process payment.

Grant recipients must:

- Maintain complete financial records reflecting the expenditure of all grant funds within the grant period. If all grant funds are not expended as outlined in the application, the balance must be returned to ASCA.
- Acknowledge funding support as outlined in the publicity section;
- Submit a written evaluation of the activity within 60 days of completion of the grant that includes a narrative statement regarding the use and accounting of the funds used;
- Additional documentation of your grant work is welcomed.

The IRS provides some grants be excluded from taxation under certain circumstances. ASCA encourages you to contact your local IRS office for detailed information upon receipt of your grant.

Narrative Questions:

The Narrative must provide the following information (please limit to two pages with type no smaller than 11 point):

1. What do you propose to do? Describe the activity including when and where it will take place. If applicable to your project, provide the name and description of the program you plan to attend. Include short bios and names of lead artists, mentors or organizations you will work with.
2. Describe your current involvement in arts activities and your arts teaching experiences.
3. What are your artistic development goals and how will this experience/activity help you reach them? What will the experience will bring to you as an artist?
4. How do you think this activity will help you as an educator?

BUDGET

Expenses	In the space below please detail all expenses associated with your proposed activity.	
	Expense Description	Amount
	Total Expenses	

Revenues	In the space below please detail all sources of income to cover the cost of proposed activity. Grant applicants: list self as source if using personal funds. Total revenues, INCLUDING GRANT REQUEST, must equal total expenses.	
	Sources of Funds for Project	Amount
	Total Applicant Funds	
	Arts Grant Request	
	Total Revenues	

In Kind Sources	Please list below sources and amounts of in-kind assistance you are receiving for this project. In kind sources may include: free lodging, free meals: i.e., any expense that you received free that otherwise you would have paid for in cash.	
	Total In-kind Income and Expense	

Checklist:

- Make copy of application for yourself
- Sign application
- Complete budget
- Include a resume and/or curriculum vitae
- Include a letter of recommendation from principal or chief school administrator
- Support materials of programs, program leaders, etc.

Certification:

I certify that information contained in this application, including all attachments and supporting materials is true and correct.

Applicant Signature

Printed Name

Date Signed

Send applications to:

Rasmuson Foundation Arts Educator Grant Program
c/o Alaska State Council on the Arts
411 W. 4th Avenue, Suite 1E
Anchorage, AK 99501