



2025-2026 First Year Teacher Grants

Supporting Arts Education Access

The First Year Teacher Grant will award grantees a one-time grant in the amount of \$1,500. Eligibility requires applicants to be entering their first year as a public school teacher; under contract with a Title I campus; assigned as a full time arts educator; and are certified through the SBEC as an arts educator.

This grant is intended to help alleviate expenses associated with completing the first year as a teacher on a Title I campus. The Texas Cultural Trust recognizes the critical importance of providing quality arts education to every child. These grants can fund professional development, classroom enrichment, school supplies, field trips, and/or additional resources to enhance the quality of arts education.

* 1. Applicant Contact Information

Name

Personal Address

City

State

ZIP

School Email Address

Personal Phone Number

2. Gender of Applicant (optional)

☐ Male

☐ Female

☐ Other

3. Race/Ethnicity of the Applicant: Check all that apply (optional)

☐ American Indian or Alaska Native

☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

☐ Asian or Asian American

☐ White or Caucasian

☐ Black or African American

☐ Other

☐ Hispanic or Latino

* 4. What college or university did you graduate from and what year? (*University, YEAR*)

* 5. What degree(s) have you received?

* 6. List your teaching certification(s).

* 7. Please attach a copy of your arts education teaching certification, administered by the State Board of Educator Certification.

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* 8. Teaching Assignment Grade Level (check all that apply)

☐ Elementary, Pre-K-5

☐ Middle School, 6-8

☐ High School, 9-12

☐ EC-12, All Levels

☐ Other (please specify)

* 9. Teaching Assignment Content Area (check all that apply)

☐ Dance

☐ Music

☐ Theatre

☐ Visual Art

10. Please indicate specialized teaching assignment, if applicable, such as band director, technical theatre director, choir director, ceramics instructor, etc.

* 11. Is your teaching assignment a new position for the campus or a continued position?

☐ New, the campus has not provided my class/teaching assignment previously.

☐ Continued, I have been hired to replace a previously filled teaching position.

☐ Unknown

* 12. Please confirm that this will be your first year as a full-time public school teacher.

☐ Yes

☐ No

* 13. District Name (Eligibility requires you to be under contract with the listed school district)

* 14. Campus Name

* 15. How many students are enrolled on this campus?

* 16. How many students are expected to be enrolled in your classes?

* 17. Describe your campus type. Check all that apply.

☐

Title 1

☐

Rural Community

☐

Under Performing Campus

☐

Low Arts Access (Indicators of arts access are published on the Art Can Map
<https://txculturaltrust.org/what-we-do/artcan/map/>)

Other, please describe.

* 18. Identify the designated community type of your school district. Please see the NCES list to verify your community type, <https://tea.texas.gov/reports-and-data/school-data/district-type-data-search/district-type-2019-20>

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City- Large

☐

City- Midsize

☐

City- Small

☐

Suburban, Large

☐

Suburban, Midsize

☐

Suburban, Small

☐

Town, Fringe

☐

Town, Distant

☐

Town, Remote

☐

Rural, Fringe

☐

Rural, Distant

☐

Rural, Remote

* 19. Describe your campus's student demographics.

If you do not have access to this information it can be found at <https://txculturaltrust.org/what-we-do/artcan/map/> . Under Campus Comparisons search your school, then click "Download Data" to view campus demographics.


% Economically Disadvantaged	<input type="text"/>
% At Risk	<input type="text"/>
% American Indian or Alaska Native	<input type="text"/>
% Asian American	<input type="text"/>
% Black or African American	<input type="text"/>
% Hispanic or Latino	<input type="text"/>
% Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	<input type="text"/>
% White or Caucasian	<input type="text"/>
% Other	<input type="text"/>

* 20. Does your school provide a budget for your program?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure

* 21. If you have a program budget, enter that amount in a numerical response.

* 22. Principal's Contact Information

Principal's Name	<input type="text"/>
Campus Name	<input type="text"/>
Campus Address	<input type="text"/>
City/Town	<input type="text"/>
State/Province	-- select state -- 
ZIP/Postal Code	<input type="text"/>
Principal's Email Address	<input type="text"/>
Campus Phone Number	<input type="text"/>

* 23. Describe how you will spend the grant funds, if awarded. Please include explanation on why your planned purchases are needed.

* 24. Upload a budget proposal for items you intend on purchasing, if awarded this grant. Please be specific, identifying what you will purchase and the cost for each item. Items should total \$1,500.

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* 25. Explain why you chose to pursue a career in arts education.

* 26. Describe your motivation to teach on a Title I campus.

* 27. How will this grant support your efforts to increase arts access for your students and campus community?

28. If known, please describe any unusual adversity your campus community is currently facing.

* 29. The Texas Cultural Trust Arts Education Access, First Year Teacher Grant is designed to support highly capable arts teachers in providing quality arts education access to Title I, rural, low arts access communities. By providing my digital signature below, I affirm my understanding that if I do not complete the school year, serving the district indicated above, I will be required to return all or a portion of the grant amount received to the Texas Cultural Trust.

In addition, I will provide a head shot and one page report on the impact and support this grant has provided during my first year as a teacher, upon completion of the one year grant cycle. I authorize the Texas Cultural Trust to use my image, name, and statement for promotional purposes.

Please upload your signature here.

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* 30. By clicking yes below, I acknowledge that I have added mhausmann@txculturaltrust.org to my email contacts, so that emails received from the Texas Cultural Trust regarding my application are not sent to my Spam, Trash, or Junk folder.

☐ Yes