



ARTS ACCESS 2026-2027 Arts Inspire Grant

PURPOSE/DESCRIPTION: Supporting Arts Education Access:

Every child deserves to be inspired by the wonder and creativity that arts experiences provide. The Arts Inspire Grants support arts programming in Title I schools. This grant is designed to assist with the expense of in-person arts and culture experiences. Arts Inspire Grants can be utilized for:

- Field trips to professional arts experiences in the visual arts, dance, music, and theatre, including:
 - o Transportation fees
 - o Admission fees
- Artist honorarium fees for professional artist visits to school campuses

The application opens August 15, 2026, and will close at 5:00 pm on October 1, 2026.

CRITERIA AND GUIDELINES:

- The grant award will not exceed \$1,000.
- Restricted to Title I public schools in Texas.
- Priority is given to rural communities.
- The application must be completed by a campus employee.
- The applicant may be responsible for connecting the Texas Cultural Trust with the district's communications department for promotion collaboration.
- The applicant must have approval and support from their principal prior to applying for the grant.
- Applicant will provide an achievable budget and execution plan for the Arts Inspire Grant.
- The Arts Inspire Grants are designed for unique, exceptional arts experiences. They do not fund ongoing in-school or out-of-school programs.
- Arts Inspire Grant funds cannot be used for contests or contest preparation, private lessons, or teacher fees.
- The program must reflect the mission of the Arts Inspire Grant, as stated above.
- Finalists will be notified no later than December regarding the status of their application.
- Arts Inspire Grant funding awarded in 2026 must be spent between December 1, 2026 – May 1, 2027.
- Grant recipients will be required to complete a final report about the funded program by May 20, 2027.

*Please note that the Texas Cultural Trust is not responsible for coordinating or facilitating the artist visit or field trip.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants must be employed by a Texas public school and work for a Title I campus. Priority is given to teachers serving rural, low arts access areas.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Candidates are encouraged to apply at <https://txculturaltrust.org/what-we-do/arts-access/>

The annual grant application window is **August 15 – October 1**. Applications must be received by 5:00 pm CST on October 1.

The Texas Cultural Trust is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to be the leading voice for the arts in education, advocacy, and economic impact in Texas, spotlighting the artistic excellence of our state. To learn more, please visit <https://txculturaltrust.org>