TEXAS WOMEN FOR THE ARTS
2027 Grant Application

Texas Women for the Arts (TWA), a program of the Texas Cultural Trust, is a statewide giving circle whose mission is to awaken and nurture the artist in every Texas child. Established in 2005, TWA unites the financial forces of Texas women in funding arts education programs throughout the state. Members will choose the recipients and allocate the funds at their annual meeting in the spring. We invite you to submit grant proposals through the Texas Cultural Trust website.

Applications open October 1 and must be RECEIVED by 5:00 pm CST on December 1.

CRITERIA AND GUIDELINES

1. **Applicants must be sponsored by current member of Texas Women for the Arts.** Proposals must include the sponsor's name and email. **The Texas Cultural Trust does not assign sponsors to applications.***
2. Proposals must be submitted through the Texas Cultural Trust website. https://txculturaltrust.org/twa/grants/
3. Organizations are eligible for funding for no more than two (2) consecutive years. Applicants may reapply after a period of one (1) year. Grantees who are applying to receive funds for a second consecutive year will be required to submit an interim or final report before applying again.
4. The program must reflect the mission of Texas Women for the Arts, as stated above.
5. All applicants must have active registration and be in good standing with the Texas Secretary of State.
6. The Trust does not consider applications from individuals, businesses, fiscally sponsored organizations, or organizations that do not have 501 (c)(3) status with the following exceptions: religious organizations and city/county/state historical agencies.
7. Finalists will be notified in March and asked to submit an electronic presentation (power point/video/digital report, etc.) two weeks after notification. The full TWA membership will review presentations and submit scores to determine final grantees. Videos may be no longer than two minutes in length and PowerPoint presentations must be limited to 15 slides.
8. Top grantees ***may*** be invited to attend and accept their awards at the Texas Women for the Arts Annual Meeting. All grant awards will be announced at the meeting.
9. Texas Women for the Arts grant funding awarded in 2027 must be spent between June 1, 2027 – May 31, 2028.
10. The purpose of the TWA grants is to directly fund programs that increase arts access. **We do not fund programs that redistribute TWA grant funding, i.e. regranting funds.** Additionally, organizations receiving TWA grants must agree to use the award to fund programming provided by their own organization.

*Please note that the Texas Cultural Trust is not responsible for connecting organizations with a sponsor. The current TWA members are listed on the Trust website, linked here. The Trust recommends potential applicants review the list of members with your own network to determine if your organization has any existing connections.

TWA GRANT APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS
Please complete the application using the online form located here: https://txculturaltrust.org/twa/grants/

1. **Name and email of sponsoring Texas Women for the Arts member (required).**
    a. The applicant is responsible for contacting and obtaining explicit permission from the TWA member for sponsorship.
2. Organization name, contact person and title, address, phone, and email.
3. Eligibility documentation: 501(c)(3) documentation and Federal EIN#
4. Application topics include:
    a. Project mission alignment, artistic significance, and impact
        - Organization mission
        - Project description and purpose
        - Program's artistic discipline(s)
        - Demographics of children and community served
        - Project and community need
    b. Project innovation and creativity
        - Program innovation
        - Type and level of arts experiences provided to children
        - Is this a new program? How long has the program been in existence?
    c. Organizational capacity and project feasibility
        - Organization's community partnerships and employee and board structure
        - Program implementation or operational plan
        - Program evaluation plan
    d. Program timeline
        - Project timeline
    e. Program and organizational budget
        - Project budget, including the total program and project costs
        - Organization's current annual budget and the previous fiscal year's financials
        - Any additional funding or support

Funding must be used within one year of the date the grant is awarded. The average grant award may be from $1,000 and will not exceed $30,000. TWA grants may not exceed 25% of the total organizational budget. The TWA Grant and Executive Committees will determine final grant amounts, and they are not guaranteed to match the requested amount.

Funding may only be used for the purpose of this project application. **Any amendments must be requested in writing prior to the end of the project.**

SCORING		
Artistic Quality 30% • Reflection of Texas Women for the Arts' Mission • Project innovation and creativity	**Capability 30%** • Outside support and organizational funding • Organizational management and capability • Project planning, implementation, and evaluation	**Impact 40%** • Population served • Population and community need • Project impact

Grantees must acknowledge the Texas Cultural Trust and Texas Women for the Arts on all materials associated with the recipient programs or projects. Grantees are also asked to include Texas Cultural Trust in mailing/email lists for news and updates on programs.

Submission through the Texas Cultural Trust website: https://txculturaltrust.org/twa/grants/
A confirmation email will be delivered upon receipt of your application.