

A background image showing a person with glasses and a white shirt working on a sculpture. The person is using a tool to shape a piece of material. The image is partially obscured by a teal curved shape in the top right corner.

Education for the Arts (EFA)

Class Project for Educators Grant

The **Class Project for Educators Grant** program supports K-12 educators who are seeking support for special classroom projects or artistic engagements for their students. Past grant projects have included specialized supplies for the creation of a new work, artistic fees for visiting artists, support for off-site field trips, etc. Application should include the estimated number of students who will be impacted, a timeline for the project, and details about guest artists involved.

GUIDELINES AND INSTRUCTIONS

WHO MAY APPLY

Educators working for any Kalamazoo County public, private or charter school.
And Education for the Arts high school instructors.

It is strongly recommended that an arts specialist be on the planning and/or project team when the applicant is not an arts educator.

Students may submit ONE of the following TWO grants per year: EFA - Irving S. Gilmore Student Arts Grant or EFA - Irving S. Gilmore Student Arts Career Path Grant

GRANT APPLICATION – IMPORTANT DATES

Applications are available online at: kresa.org/EFAgrant: December 1

DEADLINE: 11:59 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of March. No late applications will be accepted.

Scholarship decisions announced: Late April/Early May

Scholarship funds must be used: June 1 – May 31

FUNDING UP TO \$25,000 AVAILABLE ANNUALLY

EFA Project grants range from \$1,000-\$5,000. The average grant is \$2,000-\$2,500.

Grant funds may be used for:

- Artists Fees
- Materials, supplies, equipment
- Tickets to arts events
- Resource materials

Grant funds may NOT be used for:

- Teacher salaries or sub fees

- Student Transportation
- Projects focusing on non-arts subject matter
- Replacement of district funds currently allocated to arts projects
- Curriculum development

If awarded, districts front the costs of the Artistic Development project. Kalamazoo RESA will reimburse the district upon submission of a final grant report.

Grant Information to Research/Prepare Prior to Applying:

1. Develop the Project internally with peers and with the Arts partner (the implementer)
2. Gather info on the Artist or Arts Organization.
3. Know the cost of your project: Six musicians x 10 hour-long visits x \$75 per visit = \$4,500
OR 300 tickets x \$10 a ticket = \$3,000

Grant Application Tips:

1. Don't wait until the last day to prepare, apply and submit.
2. Draft your grant question answers in a word document. And cut and paste when your answer is ready.

Review and Evaluation:

All complete applications are reviewed by arts and arts education professionals. The independent review panels recommend funding amounts for each grant.

Questions and comments can be submitted via email to efa-grants@kresa.org.

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