

Ohio Art Education Foundation

Teacher Enrichment Grants

General Focus:

The Ohio Art Education Foundation (OAEF) invites applications for the Teacher Enrichment Program. Since OAEA is not a grants-making association, the Ohio Art Education Foundation was established as an independent organization to provide support for a variety of art education programs. The Teacher Enrichment program was developed to support professional enrichment or development opportunities and specialized activities that advance or re-focus the development of skills by assisting with costs such as:

- Expenses for participation in seminars, workshops, conferences, training programs, or meetings.
- Books, software, or materials required for the proposed professional development activity.
- Equipment that broadens or deepens skills or advances an applicant's professional development.

Eligibility:

- You must be an active teaching member of the Ohio Art Education Association.
- You may apply for a grant up to **\$1,000**. The number of grants funded will depend on availability of funds.
- Proposals for the following will not be considered: National Art Education Association or Ohio Art Education Association Conferences. Funds may not be used for college tuition or graduate credit.
- Applicant agrees to attend the professional development activity, provide receipts to the Foundation for reimbursement within thirty (30) days after the event, and submit a brief final report.

Deadline:

April 1st, midnight annually. Notification of approval will be announced no later than May 15th.

Application Process:

As part of the online application you will be required to submit a proposal, an itemized budget, a letter of support, a program brochure and online application cover page as described below. You will be asked to upload these five documents individually. Please upload grant documents in order below as .pdf, .doc(x) and/or .jpg file attachments. All documents must be uploaded for grant eligibility. Applications may be uploaded on the OAEA website under the Foundation section.

Applicants will submit the following grant information as part of the electronic application process:

1. Completed and signed Teacher Enrichment Grant Application. Submission serves as an electronic signature.
2. A proposal (maximum one page) Explain as clearly as possible the connection between what is being requested and how it supports your professional growth and development in a particular area, advances existing or develops new skill sets, and/or leads you closer to a short- or long-term career goal/aspiration. Also include in the proposal a few sentences about yourself and your role in your organization. The rationale as to how your attendance at the professional development event will impact your art education classroom. How will the professional development event impact you

as a professional art educator? The proposal does not have to be lengthy, but the link between the request and your professional development must be explained clearly.

3. Project timeline including completion date.
4. An itemized budget/breakdown and documentation of all intended costs. If additional funding comes from your school district or other sources and/or from personal funds, please indicate that as part of the total budget. Please specify the amount of funds requested from the Foundation. You may apply Federal Per Diem rates for meals if needed.
5. A letter of support from your supervisor that includes a statement of support for the proposal as well as an indication that the allotted time to complete the activity/program will be considered professional leave time if the event occurs during the school year.
6. Scan and upload the document/brochure describing the event that lists registration costs and specific program activities.

Selection Process:

Every effort is made to insure the impartiality of the jury relative to the applicants. All grants are awarded without regard to age, gender, race, special needs, or national origin. Applications will be reviewed based on a rubric reflecting the stated application criteria. Personal interviews to clarify information are optional.

Final Report Process:

Upon completion of your professional development experience, you will be required to submit a brief final report prior to receiving your grant reimbursement. This information should relate directly to your grant application. The report should be submitted to: foundation@ohioarted.com.

Projects must be completed by May 31 of the year following the grant award. Final documentation is due by June 30 of that year. For instance, if your grant was awarded May 2024, your project must be completed by May 31, 2025 and final report due June 30, 2025.

Teachers receiving Teacher Enrichment grants agree to present their project in a workshop, or General Session at an OAEA State Conference or regional workshop, and/or complete a short review of the project for the ARTline publication.

Final Report Elements:

- A brief description of the enrichment experience.
- How the grant supported your professional growth such as the development in a particular concentration area, advanced existing or developed new skill sets, and/or leads you closer to a short or long-term career goal/aspiration.
- The rationale as to how your attendance at the professional development event will impact your art education classroom.
- How the professional development event impacted you as a professional art educator.
- Description of how you will share your new-found knowledge (example: Artline article, Conference workshop).

- Detailed Financial information (scanned/copied receipts).
- Photo documentation, if possible.

Questions: Contact: foundation@ohioarted.com