



ARTS EDUCATION GUIDELINES

Purpose

Arts Education Grants are available to pre-school, elementary, middle and high schools and for adult education in Cabarrus County. The purpose of the Arts Education Grants is to support arts learning and arts-in-education programs conducted by qualified artists. These can be artist residencies in schools, after-school programs, summer camps, or arts learning classes. Grassroots funds may not be used for activities associated with a school's internal arts programs such as in-school student performances, the purchase of supplies, or student art competitions and publications.

Application deadline: September 15, 2026 at NOON via email to heather@cabarrusartscouncil.org

Application form: Available online at <https://cabarrusartscouncil.org/grants/>

Eligibility

Public and private schools in Cabarrus County may apply for Arts Education Grants.

Program Timeline

Funded programs should be completed between July 1, 2026 and June 15, 2027.

Matching Requirements

- Schools may apply for up to 50% of the cost of the program.
- Grant funds must be matched in cash. In-kind contributions may not be considered for matching purposes, but may be documented as additional evidence of support.

Funding Requirements

- Arts Education Grants may support artist fees, marketing, promotion, travel, contractual fees, rental of equipment and other program-related costs.
- Schools may apply for one arts council grant per year. It may include more than one residency.
- Arts Education Grants may not support programs that the school provides on a normal basis. Grant monies may not be used for:
 1. Activities that are concurrent with the project that are not arts-related
 2. Food or beverages for hospitality or entertainment functions
 3. Capital expenditures
 4. Administrative or general operating costs
 5. Prizes, tuition, or scholarships

Application Procedure

- Grant Applicant Online Webinar August 19 (12noon – 1pm). RSVP to <https://forms.gle/ZJBq77yrMaWMaKX18> to receive link to attend.
- Please email completed application and all attachments to: heather@cabarrusartscouncil.org.
- If you require assistance email liz@cabarrusartscouncil.org the week before your application is due. Staff may not be able to assist you the day applications are due.
- Final reports are due no later than NOON on June 15, 2027.