



Performing Arts Experience Grant for Alternative Education FY2025 Program Guidelines

Application Deadline: 60 days before your project begins

Students who attend alternative education schools often require specific educational interventions. Live performing arts experiences can support the education of students in alternative schools through exposure to unique content, interaction with local arts professionals, and offering students a glimpse into careers in the arts.

Students receive the most benefit when they receive an arts education that is:

- Sequential, building skills and knowledge over time,
- Hands-on, allowing students to engage deeply in the creative process, and
- Led by educators with both artistic expertise and educational experience.

Program Goals

- Expand access to live performing arts (dance, drama, literary arts, media arts, and/or music) to more Oklahoma students
- Offer arts education for students in alternative education school sites that is tailored to meet individual student and site goals and that supports the goals of Oklahoma Alternative Education
- Provide support to schools in rural, remote, and lower-income communities

Overview

Project Activity Dates: July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025 (Grant Period FY2025)

Grant Amount: Up to \$2,000 per school. There is no cash match requirement for this grant.

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Who Can Apply?

Schools identified by the Oklahoma State Department of Education as Alternative Education school sites

What Types of Projects Can Be Supported?

Events and activities centered on the performing arts, including

- Hosting a performing artist or arts group for an in-school concert or performance
- School field trips to attend live dance, drama, media arts, or music performances

For questions about what types of experiences can be supported, contact our Arts Education Director.

What Expenses Are Allowable?

Funding can be used to reimburse the following expenses:

- Performing Artist Fees (payment to the performer or group hired by the school)
- Performing Artist Travel Expenses (may include mileage, lodging, or other costs but cannot include food or drink)
- Student Travel Expenses (may include car or bus rental fees)
- Student Ticket/Admission Costs
- Consumable Supplies (must be directly related to the project)
- Other Expenses (including printed programs, signage, licensing and/or royalty fees, etc.)

Unallowable Expenses: include tickets, tuition, field trips, student travel, scholarships, capital expenditures and/or building improvements, permanent art installations, activities for which college credit is given, loss of revenue, debt repayment, subgranting, duties or expenses related to fundraising and/or lobbying, activities or expenses that may advance or inhibit any religious belief, events that are not open to the public, cash prizes or awards, and hospitality expenses (i.e., food, drink, receptions, parties, galas

How to Apply

Step 1: Your organization must be verified in the Oklahoma Arts Council grant portal before applying for this grant opportunity. If your organization is new to Oklahoma Arts Council grants, you must create a new account in the Fluxx grant portal and complete the eligibility verification process (which may take up to 15 days to review and process). If you have questions, contact our grants office at grants@arts.ok.gov or 405-521-2040.

Step 2: Once your organization is verified, you can start an application from the Apply for Funding page. Applications are due by 5:00 p.m. on the application deadline date published on the grant program guidelines. If an application deadline falls on a weekend or state holiday, the application will be due by 5:00 p.m. on the next business day. Late submissions are subject to the noncompliance policies as outlined in the General Grant Terms and Conditions.

Grant Process

1. Request access to the grant system (for new schools only)
2. Submit an application
3. Application is reviewed by Oklahoma Arts Council
4. Award notification (if the project is selected for funding)
5. Accept grant contract
6. Project activity occurs
7. Submit a final report
8. Grant payment is processed

Review Criteria

The Oklahoma Arts Council will consider the following when we review applications for Performing Arts Experience Grant for Alternative Education:

1. Artistic quality: Schools should provide a brief bio that demonstrates the artistic quality and A school's ability to create equitable access to the arts.
2. The Oklahoma Arts Council will prioritize funding for schools that serve the following:
 - Rural counties (counties with fewer than 50,000 residents)
 - Under-resourced communities (schools where at least 70 percent of students are eligible for Title I assistance)

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What types of artistic disciplines can be supported through this grant?

A. For this grant program, the selected artist, group, or organization must present work that can be categorized as performing arts. Typically, this includes disciplines such as, dance, drama/theatre, or music. If you have questions about the eligibility of a selected artist, please contact our Arts Education Director. Each school is responsible for identifying a performer, performing group, or off-site performance for their school.

Q. My school is already receiving funding through Oklahoma Arts Council's other school grant program(s). Can I apply for this opportunity?

A. Yes, each Alternative Education site may apply for one Performing Arts Experiences in Alternative Education grant per school year. In addition to this grant, you may apply for other Alternative Education grants and Grants for Schools.

Q. How can I find a live performing artist or arts event?

A. Oklahoma Arts Council's Performing Artist Roster is a great place to start. For arts events, schools may inquire directly with nonprofit arts organizations. The Oklahoma Arts Council can help locate a performing arts event if needed. Schools are not required to select an artist or group who is listed on the roster.

Q. Will the grant funds be provided before or after the performance?

A. If selected for funding, your grant payment will be provided as a reimbursement after the performance has taken place and your school has submitted a final report through our grant system. Be sure to communicate this to your selected artist or performing arts group. Please refer to the Grant Process section below for all the required steps of this grant program.

Q. Do I need to tell the Oklahoma Arts Council how we intend to use the grant award?

A. For the grant application and the grant final report, be prepared to describe the expenses that are specific to this project and how students benefited. As with all Oklahoma Arts Council grants, we do require that you keep receipts and records from your purchases (please do not send them to us unless we ask).

Q. How will I know when the funds have been paid?

A. We recommend you stay in contact with your school or district finance office about the arrival of the payment. Make sure your school or district finance office knows why they received the payment and how it should be allocated.

Q. I received notification that my school is getting a grant. What should I do next and how do I manage the award?

A. Please refer to your award notification email and attached documents for all information related to your grant award. If you have additional questions about managing your award, contact the Grants Office at grants@arts.ok.gov or 405-521-2040.

Grantee Requirements

If selected for funding, grantee organizations must comply with all requirements as outlined in the Legal Assurances/General Grant Terms, grant contract, and grant program guidelines, including but not limited to the following:

- Signed electronic grant contract by the deadline specified in the award notification email
- Updated contact, mailing, and payment/banking information with the Oklahoma Arts Council and Oklahoma Office of Management and Enterprise Services (OMES) Supplier Portal
 - Oklahoma Arts Council will process grant payments to the school/district bank account or address registered in the Oklahoma Supplier Portal
- Thank you letters to your organization's legislators
- Timely submission of required reports
- Retention of all financial records (including invoices and receipts) related to the grant award for seven years

Who to Contact for Help

For questions about this grant program, contact Jennifer Allen-Barron, Arts Education Director, at jennifer.allen-barron@arts.ok.gov or (405) 249-7987.

For questions about grant system access, contact Martyna Sandoval, Grants and Programs Associate, at martyna.sandoval@arts.ok.gov or 405-521-2040.

For questions about managing your grant award, contact Thomas Tran, Grants Director, at thomas.tran@arts.ok.gov or 405-521-2041.