

# ARTIST EXPRESS

## Artist Visits for Schools and Community Organizations

The Artist Express program allows schools and community organizations to collaborate with an artist for a short one- to three-day residency. Awards allow schools new to the artist residency experience the chance to explore an arts discipline through an accessible application process, a minimal time commitment, and a modest monetary investment. The Artist Express program also lays the foundation for a more in-depth residency in the future.

**GRANT AWARDS:** The total professional fee for an artist in the Artist Express program is \$300 per day. Artist Express awards are based on the number of days a residency lasts, and are either \$250 (one-day residency), \$500 (two-day residency), or \$750 (three-day residency). Host organizations are responsible for the remaining \$50 per day in artist fees required, as well as any needed supplies.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Eligible organizations include—but are not limited to—public, private, charter, or parochial schools (pre-kindergarten through university level), and other community or social service organizations that provide arts programming. All applicants to this program should have nonprofit status or nonprofit intent.

**Criminal Background Checks:** The OAC does not have the statutory authority to require criminal background checks of artists participating in the Arts Learning Artist Directory. However, schools and some organizations are required by Ohio Revised Code or internal policies to conduct such checks. Arts Learning Artist Directory artists may be required to submit to a criminal background check in order to work in schools or organizations.

**HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS:** The Artist Express program supports artist visits for schools, arts organizations, and other community organizations. The program is best suited for schools and other organizations that have never hosted an artist in residence, or for experienced residency sponsors who want to expand into a new arts discipline. Awards are designed to broaden access to the arts and stimulate exploration of an art discipline with an experienced professional artist. Hosts must select an approved professional artist from the [Arts Learning Artist Directory](#). OAC funds are used to support artist fees.

NOTE: OAC funding cannot be awarded for residency activities designed in preparation for (or in conjunction with) school competitions, nor for residencies that are part of higher education coursework or that will serve those students exclusively. Please refer to the [Introduction and Overview](#) for a list of activities the OAC cannot fund.

**HOW TO APPLY:** Artist Express applications must be submitted via the [ARTIE](#) system. Please refer to [ARTIE: Organizational Grant Applications](#) for a description of the process.

**REVIEW CRITERIA:** OAC staff members evaluate Artist Express grant applications. Comments are used to determine award recommendations, which are then reviewed by the OAC executive director and deputy director. The OAC Board is the only body authorized to make final funding decisions and must approve grant awards. In the event that overall requests exceed available funds, grants will be made on a first-come, first-served basis.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** Rolling; applications are due at least eight weeks prior to the date of the proposed visit.

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Review criteria include:

- Value is placed on the creative process and collaborative learning
- Host organization is prepared to provide space and time for the artist visit
- Staff, teachers, and administrators are supportive of the activity
- Sufficient supplies are available for the art form
- Resources and other assets are managed appropriately

**TIMELINE:** The following timeline outlines the typical Artist Express grant period:

At least 8 weeks prior to event	Application Deadline
4-5 weeks prior to event	Grant Award Announcement
At least 2 weeks prior to event	Grant Agreement is signed in ARTIE
30 days following event	Final Report deadline
3-6 weeks following Final Report submission	Payment issued