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Eligibility

All applicants must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- I am a professional working artist/performer/teaching artist living in Mansfield, or a professional member of the Mansfield Commission for the Arts and am applying as an individual/sole proprietor
- I am a Mansfield ISD teacher, applying for a project grant for my school/classroom
- An arts-based nonprofit organization or business based in Mansfield
- The arts activity/project/operating expenses for which funds are requested primarily serves Mansfield residents and/or Mansfield ISD students

Awards

Through its grant awards, the Mansfield Commission for the Arts seeks to grow a thriving and sustainable cultural community in Mansfield. Ideal projects or organizations are innovative, bringing new art forms, new artistic opportunities, new ideas, and growth to Mansfield. They are also fiscally responsible, using the Mansfield Commission for the Arts' grant as seed money to begin and grow a new venture while working toward self-reliance. Finally, they are team-players, working in partnership with the Mansfield Commission for the Arts and other area artists, arts organizations, businesses, and residents to build a better community for everyone.

Any and all costs associated with a project or general operations for an arts organization are eligible to be covered with your grant award. No matching funding is required. The Mansfield Commission for the Arts can support applicants with reoccurring needs, especially in a project or organization's nascent phase, however current funding is not a guarantee of future awards.

All grant applications are reviewed by a grant and scholarship panel. The review panel makes recommendations for funding to the Mansfield Commission for the Arts board. The Mansfield Commission for the Arts board members will make the final determination of grants to be awarded. Every effort is made for the process to be impartial and fair.

Grant applications may receive full funding, partial funding, or no funding at the discretion of the Mansfield Commission for the Arts. All grant decisions are final.

Application Requirements

All applicants must submit a completed Mansfield Commission for the Arts Grant Application. Only one application form should be submitted per applicant each funding period. A new application must be completed for each new funding period. Applicants from MISD applying for funding for technology or capital improvements (lights, sound systems, computers, technology, etc) must supply a letter from



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MISD stating that they are in support of the request and will provide any installation and ongoing maintenance that may be required should a grant be approved and equipment be purchased.

Application Periods and Due Dates

There will be two award periods each year. The first will be a January-May award period with applications due November 15 (or if that date falls on a weekend or holiday, the next regular business day). The second award period will be June-December with applications due May 15 (or if that date falls on a weekend or holiday, the next regular business day).

May 15 – Applications due for award period June 1-December 31. Reports due (in progress is acceptable) for grant awards from the previous cycle.

Early June – Award announcements for June 1-December 31 grant cycle. Funds available immediately.

June 30 – Full reports due for January 1 –May 31 (previous) grant cycle

November 15 – Application due for award period January 1-May 31. Reports due (in progress is acceptable) for grant awards from the previous cycle.

Early December – Award announcement for January 1-May 31 grant cycle

January 1 – Funds available for January 1-May 31 grant cycle

January 31 – Full reports due for June 1- December 31 grant cycle

Grant Follow-up

All funded grantees must submit, at the end of the grant cycle and prior to another application, a written review/assessment of said award. The written review must include the number of people served and an assessment of the outcome. Any exceptions to this must be approved by the Mansfield Commission for the Arts office. Reports that are not received within 30 days of the end of the funding cycle are considered late. Grantees that submit late reports will be ineligible for future funding for one year after the submission of the report. Additionally, grantees, should respond to requests for stories and interviews from the Mansfield Commission for the Arts.

For any further information or questions, please contact the Mansfield Arts Commission, 1164 Matlock Rd, Mansfield, TX 76063, (817) 728-3383, or arts@mansfieldtexas.gov.

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(including reasonable attorneys' fees), interest, penalties or other damages relating to, or on account of or in any way growing out of Applicant's activities related to this grant/scholarship. Applicant further represents and warrants that Applicant will comply with all applicable federal and state laws, local ordinances and code provisions.