Kentuckians for the Arts (KFTA) is an arts centered organization formed for the purpose of providing advocacy for all arts endeavors across Kentucky. Our vision is to advance a creative Commonwealth and our mission is to promote the value of the arts and arts education for all throughout Kentucky.

KFTA is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. Contributions such as annual dues and donations are tax deductible as permitted by law.

To join just click on the link and follow the instructions.

Nominate! Apply! July Deadlines Abound!

Do you know a Kentuckian who has made outstanding contributions to the arts? Are you an artist or arts organization looking for funding? An educator who wants to have an impact on state education policy? If so, July is your month to step forward to apply for a number of important programs:

**2022 Governor’s Awards Nominations Due July 15**

Kentucky’s Awards in the Arts are the Commonwealth’s highest honors in the arts. Awards are presented in nine categories:

- Milner Award: Outstanding philanthropic, artistic or other contributions to the arts.
- Artist Award: Lifetime achievement in the arts.
- Business Award: Outstanding interest in & support of the arts.
- Community Arts Award: Positive impact in the community through the arts.
- Education Award: Significant contribution to arts in education.
- Folk Heritage Award: Outstanding effort to perpetuate and promote Kentucky’s unique artistic traditions.
- Government Award: Significant support for the arts through government action.
- Media Award: Commitment to bringing the arts to the attention of the public.
- National Award: Achievement of national prominence.

The online application form and more information are available at the Kentucky Arts Council website.

**Juvenile-Justice Related Grant Applications Due July 18**

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) at the U.S. Department of Justice is taking applications from nonprofit organizations, local units of government, and Native American tribal governments to support high-quality arts programs designed to serve youth in the juvenile justice system. Awards will be up to $66,500 with no match requirement. Eligible arts programs include, but are not limited to, painting, sculpting, drama, digital media, film, music, dance, singing, and creative writing.

More info at the OJJDP website.
Nominate! Apply! Continued

Kentucky Crafted Artist Applications Now Open
Now through August 15, Kentucky visual and craft artists can apply to be part of the Kentucky Crafted program. The program provides marketing support, business training, and promotional opportunities. More info at the Kentucky Arts Council website.

Teaching Art Together Applications Due August 1
These grants bring artists into schools for weeklong residencies. The August deadline is for residencies Oct. 1, 2022 through Apr. 30, 2023. Info at the Kentucky Arts Council website.

KDE Teacher Advisory Group Seeking New Members
The Kentucky Department of Education’s Teachers Advisory Council is comprised of teachers from across the Commonwealth who contribute diverse perspectives about important issues in the schools to the Commissioner of Education. Through August 31, KDE is taking applications for nine vacancies on the council. Apply at the KDE website.

South Arts Grants Open for Artists and Communities
- Letters of Interest are due August 1 for South Arts’ Cross-Sector Impact Grants. These grants of up to $15,000 support projects developed by partners—one arts organization or artist, and one non-arts organization. More info at the South Arts website.
- The South Arts Express Grant program is open to organizations in rural communities of 50,000 people or less, providing awards of up to $2,000 supporting the presentation of touring artists. More info at South Arts website.
- Applications are also open for South Arts’ Professional Development & Artistic Planning Grants. These grants offer up to $1,000 to support artistic planning and the professional development needs of Southern presenters, programmers, or curators. More info at the South Arts website.
- South Arts is offering registration at a sliding scale beginning at $0 for the Artists Thrive Summit. July 19-22. The summit brings together artists, arts leaders, educators and funders from across the country to collaborate, gain inspiration, engage and align. Attendance can be in-person in Winston-Salem, NC, or virtual. More info at the South Arts website.

Nominate a Visual Arts Teacher for Prang Award
Nominations are due July 31 for the PRANG® Art Teacher of the Year program. This national program annually recognizes 10 visual art teachers who have made significant contributions to the lives of their students. More info at PRANG website.
U.S. Mayors Conference Passes Resolutions Supporting Arts

Continuing its longtime support of arts and culture, the United States Conference of Mayors (USCM) passed four arts-related resolutions when it met in June. They are:

Resolution Number 74: Urges Mayors to Support Congressional Creative Economy Legislation

Resolution Number 90: Urges Mayors to Support Federally Proposed Funding Arts And Culture Funding for FY 2023 Federal Appropriations

Resolution Number 92: Urges Mayors to declare October 2022 National Arts and Humanities Month

Resolution Number 93: Urges Members to Express Support for Federal Relief Funding for Arts and Cultural Institutions

Ask your mayor if he or she attended! Thirteen mayors of Kentucky cities of 30,000 people or more are listed as members at the USCM website: Todd Alcott, Bowling Green; Richard R. Blythe, Richmond; Greg Fisher, Louisville; Linda Gorten, Lexington; Jeff Gregory, Elizabethtown; Carter Hendricks, Hopkinsville; Alan Keck, Somerset; Joseph U. Meyer, Covington; Tom Prather, Georgetown; Pete Sutherland, Nicholasville; Tom Weston, Owensboro; Diane E. Whalen, Florence; and Layne Wilkerson, Frankfort. If you'd like to send them a thank-you email, you'll find contact info at the USCM website.

BRAVO to Recent Kentucky Award Winners and Grant Recipients!

- Four Kentucky organizations — KMAC Museum, Louisville; Madisonville Community College; Save the Grand Theatre, Inc., Frankfort; and The Olive Hill Historical Society (Center for Arts and Education) — were among 75 recent recipients of South Arts grants. Kristen Tordella-Williams, a visual artist from Opelika, was one of 12 artists receiving South Arts Career Opportunity Grants.
- Kentucky writer Silas House is winner of the 2022 Duggins Outstanding Mid-Career Novelist Prize.

Welcome New KFTA Member

- Kentucky Performing Arts (Foundational Curator Member)