**$10,000\* Arts Education Grants
for New Jersey Schools**

**Application Deadline: Thursday, October 13, 2016 at 3pm**

Young Audiences New Jersey & Eastern Pennsylvania (YA) is pleased to offer Arts Education Scholarships of up to $10,000 to fund arts education programming in schools in New Jersey.

The grants are designed to bring extraordinary and inspiring arts experiences (performances and hands-on workshops) delivered by YA’s team of professional teaching artists. Each customized program is developed to maximize students’ experiences with quality arts programs, provide opportunities to understand the cultural importance of the arts and creativity, and connect to classroom curriculum and their lives. Winning schools will also create a community celebration as a culminating event with support from YA.

Your school will work closely with a professional from Young Audiences’ staff to plan your school’s arts programs based on your specific needs.

Questions about YA’s Arts Education Scholarships? Call Liz Winter-Kuwornu at 866-500-9265.

\*up to $10,000

**What Your School Gets**

Your school could receive Young Audiences programs and services valued at up to $10,000 including:

1. Guidance and support from Young Audiences staff to assess your school and student needs and develop a customized plan for YA’s arts programs.
2. Based on your plan, YA will schedule professional artists to come to your school and provide a series of experiences that will include:
	1. A performance for the entire school population and
	2. A hands-on arts residency for students.
3. Assistance in creating a community event that shares your students’ work and celebrates your school’s commitment to arts education as an essential part of learning.

 **Visit** [**www.yanjep.org**](http://www.yanj-yaep.org) **for more information about YA’s assembly, workshop/residency and
professional development programs.**

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**What Your School Gives**

1. Your school will be required to match the grant on a 1:5 basis with either in-kind services or supplies for the project OR cash to help pay for expenses. In other words, for every $5 we provide for your project you would match it with $1 of school support. For example, if your school receives a $10,000 grant, you will be responsible for matching the grant with $2,000 of either in-kind services or cash. Matches can be made with one or more of the following:
	* teacher release time for planning and coordination,
	* supplies and materials necessary for programs, and/or
	* cash for program expenses.
2. With assistance from Young Audiences, your school will publicize the grant award and information about the programs to parents, your school board and the local press.
3. Your school will assist YA in collecting documentation of your project with photos, videos and a final report. Other information, which may include teacher and student evaluations of their experiences, may also be requested by YA.

**Eligibility and Criteria**Eligible schools must be:

1. a private, public or charter school.
2. a preschool, elementary, middle or high school.
3. located in New Jersey.

NOTE: Schools that have received a YA Arts Education Scholarship for the last 2 consecutive school years are not eligible for this year’s grant.
Grants are awarded on a competitive basis and evaluated on:

1. meeting the eligibility requirements as listed above,
2. the school’s commitment to bringing quality arts programs to its students, teachers and community,
3. demonstrated financial need including but not limited to: recent budget cuts, a history of insufficient school funding, a fiscal crisis within your district or school community, natural disasters, etc.,
4. the ability to schedule programs within the 2016-2017 school year.

**Additional Information**

* The Project Coordinator listed on the application will receive an email confirmation within 48 hours to confirm receipt of your application. If you do not receive a confirmation within this time, please call or email YA.
* Winning applicants will be posted on Young Audiences’ website on or before October 27th.
* Planning with Young Audiences staff will occur in October-November.



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 **YA Arts Education Scholarship Application, page 1**

**How to Apply:**

1. Complete the application by typing in the fields provided (or in a separate document).
2. Print the application.
3. Sign the application (Principal and Project Coordinator signatures are required).
4. Scan to PDF and return it to Young Audiences via email to **lwinter@yanjep.org**
or fax to 609-243-8999. For more information call Liz Winter-Kuwornu at **866-500-9265.**

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| Name of School  |       |
| Address |       |
| Phone |       |
| Number of Students  |       |
| Grade Levels Served |       |
| Free/Reduced School Meal Rate |       |

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| **Required Signatures—please sign, scan and include in your application.**  |
| Principal Name |       |
| Principal Signature |  |
| Principal Email  |       |
| Principal Phone |       |
| Project Coordinator Name |       |
| Project Coordinator Signature |  |
| Project Coordinator Title |       |
| Project Coordinator Email |       |
| Project Coordinator Phone |       |

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Please answer the following questions adding no more than three pages (add separate pages as necessary):

1. Why do you feel your school should be selected for this scholarship?

1. Is there a special need or challenge faced by your school which arts programming can help meet?

1. Describe your school’s economic situation that qualifies you for a scholarship.

1. Which art form(s) are you most interested in bringing to your students?

[ ]  Visual art [ ]  Theatre/Drama/Storytelling

[ ]  Music [ ]  Dance/Movement

[ ]  Literary Arts [ ]  Media Arts

1. This project must take place during the school day. How do you anticipate scheduling time for the artist to work with students during the school day?

1. Are you currently receiving arts funding from any other grants or organizations?

If yes, please describe the projects you are doing.

1. When would you anticipate programs happening? (Programs must occur during the 2016-2017 school year and conclude by June 2017.)

1. How would you anticipate providing matching funds or services? (choose all that apply)

[ ]  Allow for teacher release time for professional development, planning and coordination.

[ ]  Pay a portion of the program costs.

[ ]  Purchase and/or provide supplies and materials.

[ ]  Other, please explain.

9. How did you hear about the YA Arts Education Scholarship?

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