Tennessee PTA Arts Enhancement Grant for the 2021-2022 School Year

Deadline: Applications are due in the state office on or before March 1, 2022.

Grant Overview:
The Tennessee PTA Arts Enhancement Grant Program complements PTA’s long-standing commitment to quality arts education by providing funds to local PTAs and councils to establish or enhance arts programs in one or more arts areas: visual arts, photography, music (including dance) and literature (including theater).
This grant is to be used for the National PTA Reflections, Tennessee PTA Citizenship Essay and Safety Poster contest programs.

Funding Available: Tennessee PTA expects to fund grants in the amount of $250.00 to be awarded for use towards National PTA Reflections program and the Tennessee PTA Arts in Education programs. To be considered for a grant, complete the grant application in this handbook.

What Tennessee PTA will Fund: Tennessee PTA is placing a priority on funding projects that represent research based best practices in arts education. Specifically, PTA will fund art programs that:
- Are of a sustained nature (rather than one time event)
- Reach large numbers of at-risk students.

Extensive research indicates that students receive the greatest benefit from programs that include sustained involvement in the arts. Therefore, Tennessee PTA is funding proposals for sustained programs that culminate in a performance, an art fair, an assembly, or a field trip, rather than those that request funding for one day or one-time events. Ideally the activities will take place throughout the school year and will involve families, students, schools and/or communities.
At risk encompasses a wide range of factors that may make it more difficult for a student or a segment of the student population to succeed in learning. Some factors that make students at risk are financial, health, behavioral, social, and environmental or other community conditions.

Local PTAs and Councils must submit the complete application and match this grant dollar for dollar with PTA or other donated funds and/or in-kind resources.

Project timeline: Proposed program activities may take place from close of April 2021 through April 1, 2022. Grant reports are due thirty days after the end of the grant project or on May 1, 2022, whichever comes first.

Eligibility:
The applicant must be a PTA in good standing with the following items in compliance:
- Proof of 990 filed with the IRS
- Audit report filed with Tennessee PTA
- Membership report and dues paid by November 1
- Current bylaws approved by Tennessee PTA
**Criteria for Selection:**

Applications must be complete and submitted on time. Incomplete or late applications will not be reviewed.

**Applications will be scored based on the following criteria:**

- **Program Description** – 45 points
  General description, geographic area, new or innovative approaches, inclusion of research based best practices, partnerships, family engagement, and student success

- **Goals and Outcomes** – 25 points
  What are the goals of the program? What are the anticipated outcomes? How will success be determined?

- **At-Risk** – 10 Points
  To what extent are at-risk students served through the proposed project?

- **Need** – 10 Points
  What is the need for this project?

- **Budget and Budget Narrative** – 10 Points

**Total Score Possible** – 100 Points
Name your application: ____________________________________________

CONTACT INFORMATION – PRIMARY CONTACT
This information will be used as the primary method of contacting your PTA about this grant application. This information should be for the main person who will be responsible for the application and implementation of this grant. This address is where the grant funding will be mailed. (NO PO Box or school contact information, please)

Name: _______________________________________________________

Title/Role in PTA (e.g. President) ____________________________________

Mailing address: _______________________________________________
Street Address

__________________________________________    ________________
City                                      Postal/Zip Code

Phone Number (Used during normal business hours)  ______-_________ -___________

Email: ______________________________________________________

PTA INFORMATION Please enter the following information about your PTA.

Official PTA/PTSA Name (Recognition and grant funds will be issued in this name)

______________________________________________

Address of PTA unit: ___________________________________________
Street Address

__________________________________________    ________________
City                                      Postal/Zip Code

PTA ID Number: ________________________________

Federal EIN: ________________________________

PTA Website: ___________________________________________

Number of Members in PTA: ________________________
PTA PRESIDENT – CONTACT INFORMATION The PTA President will be the back-up contact in regard to this application.

Name:________________________________________ ____________________________
                      First Name                                      Last Name

Phone Number: _______ - _______ - _______

Email: __________________________________________

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Name of Local Unit: __________________________________________

This school is a (select one): _______ Elementary _______ Middle _______ High _______

Other grades Served at the School: _______

Total Enrollment:________

Percentage of students eligible for free or reduced-priced lunch: _______

Percentage of students who are Hispanic/Latino: _______

Percentage of students who are Black or African American: _______

Percentage of students who are American Indian or Alaska Native: _______

Percentage of students who are Asian: _______

Percentage of students who are other minority: _______

Percentage of students who are White: _______

The school is:__________

              ___________________ Urban (about 100,000 to 1,000,000 people)
              ___________________ Rural (fewer than 3,000 people, away from a city center)
              ___________________ Town (about 3,000 to 100,000 people)
              ___________________ Suburban (are near a city center with population between 100,000-250,000)

GENERAL INFORMATION

How did you hear about this grant opportunity? (check all that apply)

____________________ Mailer
____________________ Tennessee PTA Convention
____________________ www.tnpta.org
____________________ Tennessee PTA Bulletin

Has your PTA received a grant from the Tennessee PTA before? ________ Yes ________ No

If so, what grant? When?__________________________________________________________
GRANT NARRATIVE

[Describe how this program will strengthen family engagement. Describe how the program is aligned with PTA’s National Standards for Family School Partnerships. (250 words minimum)]

TERMS

Grant funding must be spent from September 1, 2021 through April 1, 2022.

If an event will be held at a school, the applicant is responsible for ensuring that the school’s administration is supportive of the proposed program prior to the submission of this grant.

Late applications will not be accepted.

Any unused funds must be returned to Tennessee PTA no further than 30 days past the completion of the program or the due date of the Grant Report (whichever is earliest).

Funds must only be used for activities proposed in this grant application. Changes to the budget that represent 10% of a line item must receive prior approval from Tennessee PTA before any changes are made.

Grant reports must be submitted on time, if they are not received on time, it may impact the grantees ability to receive future funding from Tennessee PTA.

SUBMIT YOUR GRANT

By submitting this Tennessee Arts Enhancement Application, I attest that the information provided is accurate and correct. I understand that providing incorrect information may affect the consideration of this application. If selected as a grant recipient, I agree to use the funds only to pay for direct expenses for the proposed PTA program as outlined in this application. I also agree to return any unused funds to Tennessee PTA.

Sign: _______________________________ Date: _______________________

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