

FY21 Virtual Mini-Lesson Grant

Helping teaching artists create virtual resources for PreK-12th grade



HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

The Virtual Mini-Lesson Grant (VMG) from the Nevada Arts Council (NAC) provides funding and training to support Nevada teaching artists in the creation of virtual lessons for diverse PreK-12th grade learners. This grant is only open to Nevada resident teaching artists currently on the NAC's Artists in Schools + Communities (AIS+C) Roster*. Selected artists will produce Virtual Mini-Lessons to be shared via online platforms to support educators, parents, and caregivers. These Virtual Mini-Lessons must align with Nevada Academic Content Standards for Fine Arts and have a connection to literacy. Teaching artists may submit up to two Virtual Mini-Lessons for funding.

Selected teaching artists will produce:

- 1-2 Virtual Mini-Lesson Guide(s): Write a Virtual Mini-Lesson Guide using the provided template. Arts focus can include theater, dance, visual arts, music, literary arts, and media arts.
- 1-2 Tutorial Video(s): Produce a corresponding tutorial video (10-20 minutes in length) that demonstrates an art activity aligned with each submitted mini-lesson. Note, the target audience for these videos should be the student, not the teacher/parent.

*For more information and a current list of teaching artists on the AIS+C Roster:

<https://www.nvartscouncil.org/rosters/teaching-artists/>

GRANT AMOUNT: \$500* per Mini-Lesson (no match required)

*A group of two or more eligible teaching artists on the AIS+C roster may collaborate on a Mini-Lesson. These collaborations should submit one joint application and can request a maximum of \$1,000 per Mini-Lesson.

Grants to individuals may be considered taxable income. Applicants who need further information are encouraged to consult a tax preparer.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Must be a current teaching artist on the NAC's [Artists in Schools + Communities Roster](#)
- Must be a current full-time Nevada resident and have been in residence for at least one year prior to the date of the application (*must provide a legible photo of your valid NV Driver's License or ID. If you do not have a Driver's License/ID or if your NV Driver's License was renewed in the past 12 months, contact NAC staff to discuss other residency verification material.*)
- Must be a U.S. citizen or have legal resident status
- Must be at least 21 years old

APPLICATIONS OPEN:

December 1, 2020 (9:00 am PST)

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

January 29, 2021 (5:00 pm PST)

GRANT AMOUNT

Up to \$1,000 (no match required)

ELIGIBILITY SNAPSHOT

Individual artist on the AIS+C Roster, NV resident, 21 years or older, non-student

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ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS (continued)

- Must not be enrolled as degree-seeking student
- Current NAC staff members, board members, and immediate family members or individuals sharing the household of current NAC staff or board members are not eligible for NAC grants

FUNDING RESTRICTIONS

Virtual Mini-Lesson Grant funds will be paid directly to the teaching artist as an artist fee to support the creation of the Mini-Lesson. All grantees must also adhere to the General Funding Restrictions page 4 of the [FY21 GRANT POLICIES](#).

EVALUATION

This is a non-competitive grant category. Full funding is available for at least one \$500 Virtual Mini-Lesson Grant per eligible Teaching Artist Roster applicant. Based on the number of submissions, some applicants may be awarded funding for a 2nd Virtual Mini-Lesson. The additional funds will be awarded in the order in which applications are received while funds remain available. For more information, please see the Grant Review Process on page 5 of the [FY21 GRANT POLICIES](#).

GRANTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

- Complete a State of Nevada Vendor Registration Form (required to receive grant funds).
- Participate in a virtual training session with a focus on strengthening technical skills.
- Submit a Virtual Mini-Lesson Guide for staff approval. Grant funds will be released upon approval of the Virtual Mini-Lesson Guide.
- Complete and submit the video portion of the project. If necessary, NAC will provide grantees with technical assistance and/or editing services.
- Send thank you letters to your state/federal elected officials (via mail or email using [VoterVoice](#)).
- Complete the required Final Report within 45 days of project completion or by June 30, 2021, whichever is first (the Final Report is required to stay in compliance and be eligible to apply for future NAC grants).

REQUIREMENTS

Applicants should have the following materials available:

- Device for video recording (DSLR camera, cellphone, tablet, laptop, etc.)
- Device for audio recording (cellphone, microphone, etc.)
- A well-lit and quiet environment to record the Mini-Lesson(s)
- Any other materials needed to support the Mini-Lesson(s)

HOW TO APPLY

Please review the [FY21 GRANT POLICIES](#) before applying. Then complete application questions and submit all required support material online at: <https://nevadaartscouncil.submittable.com/submit>

Click [HERE](#) to access additional resources for NAC grant applicants including a guide to submitting applications online.