

2023-24 NebraskARTS Award

Schools and school districts welcome to apply!

Each year, Nebraskans for the Arts (NFTA) honors a Nebraska school or school district who celebrates and supports participation, enjoyment and excellence in the media arts, visual arts, dance, music, or theatre.

NFTA strongly believes that student participation in high quality arts education contributes to overall higher student achievement, student engagement, critical thinking skills, and problem solving. Research from The Search Institute and Gallup supports the role of the arts in a positive school climate, hopefulness of students, and strong asset building. **We believe the arts are essential and want to honor and celebrate those who support this philosophy through action and policy in their school or school district.**

The application form for 23-24 is now open!

The deadline for submission is **Friday, October 13, 2023 by 11:59pm.**

The two winners will be notified on Monday, December 11, 2023, with celebration ceremonies taking place at each winner's school location in Spring 2024. Winners receive a special trophy and legislative resolution recognizing their achievement.

Previous NebraskArts Winners:

2014-15	Westside High School, Omaha, NE York Public Schools, York, NE
2015-16	Hyannis Area Schools, Hyannis, NE Lincoln High School, Lincoln, NE
2016-17	Kearney High School, Kearney, NE Ravenna Public Schools, Ravenna, NE
2017-18	Schuyler Community Schools, Schuyler, NE Seward Public Schools, Seward, NE
2018-19	Louisville Public Schools, Louisville, NE Norfolk High School, Norfolk, NE
2019-20	McCool Junction Public Schools, McCool Junction, NE
2020-21	Blackburn Alternative High School, Omaha, NE Wausa Public Schools, Wausa, NE
2021-22	Central City Public Schools, Central City, NE Sheridan Elementary School, Lincoln, NE
2022-23	Palmer Public Schools, Palmer, NE St. Paul Public Schools, St. Paul, NE

For questions, please contact:

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See www.nebraskansforthearts.org for more information!

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Main Contact Information

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Relationship to applicant school or school district _____

School Information

School or school district name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Website: _____

Please answer the following questions*:

1. Why should this school (or school district) be considered for an award? (no more than 150 words)
2. Describe the arts education programs you are most proud of and in what grades they are offered? (no more than 300 words)
3. What partnerships or collaborations has the applicant school (or school district) developed with cultural institutions or community arts resources, including, but not limited to, artist residencies, field trips, and professional development opportunities. (no more than 300 words)

**Please note that NFTA encourages and prioritizes applications that address ALL the art disciplines at your school/school district. Please include information about all art departments rather than focusing on one area of the arts only. We want to recognize all the arts disciplines at your school/district.*

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4. List any awards or recognition received by the school (or school district), faculty or students for arts education. (no more than 250 words, bullet points encouraged)

5. If you would like to add anything else to your application, feel free to do so here. (no more than 150 words)

6. Letters of Support

In addition to the application form, please submit letters of support from at least TWO of the following:

- School Board Member
- Superintendent
- Principal
- Teacher
- Community Member
- Student

8. Additional resources/ Work samples (optional)

You may also submit up to THREE supporting documents in digital format.

Examples include newspaper articles, photographs, and videos (weblinks, JPGs or PDFs are all acceptable formats).

9. Local press

Please provide contact information for the applicant's local press:

Name of publication: _____

Contact phone number: _____ Contact email: _____

Send completed application to: info@nebraskansforthearts.org

THANK YOU FOR FILLING OUT THIS APPLICATION!

You make it possible for NFTA to honor Nebraska schools and school districts which provide lifechanging arts education opportunities in our state!