

2022 NFTA/NATA Candidate Survey

Please complete the following general information. Thank you.

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2022 Candidate Questions

1. Are you aware of an agency of state government – the Nebraska Arts Council (NAC) – whose mission is to support the arts, humanities and creative activities in Nebraska?

Very Aware

2. In FY2021-22, the Nebraska Arts Council invested \$1.9 million in state general appropriations in grants and services across the state to support arts programs and access, arts education programs, and supporting local arts councils and organizations. Most grant dollars required a 1:1 match from private sources. Which statement below best reflects your view?

The NAC should receive an increase in state funding in the coming fiscal year.

3. The State of Nebraska has curriculum standards in the fine arts, which includes art, music, theater, dance, and media arts. How important do you think it is for schools to have content-specific certified teachers in the arts?

Essential

4. U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis reports that the arts and culture sector contributed \$3 billion to Nebraska's economy in 2020, representing 2.2% of the state's GDP, 26,888 jobs, and total compensation of \$1.8 billion. How important do you feel state appropriations and policies to advance Nebraska's creative industries (including arts, cultural, historical, humanities, science, and arts education resources) are in relation to creating a strong economic future for Nebraska?

Very Important

5. How aware are you with the Nebraska certified Creative District program?

Very Aware

6. Nebraska adults have one of the highest the highest participation rate in the U.S. in annually attending an art exhibit or arts performance. Is there a specific arts or culture organization in your part of the state that you or your family particularly enjoy, or do you have an artistic talent or hobby?

Yes

If yes, please list your talent/hobby and your favorite organization(s) here:

My talent is musical in nature, singing, playing piano, and directing choirs is my medium. I have far too many organizations to list them all.

We welcome any additional comments or experiences you would like to make with regards to the arts in Nebraska. Please use the space below. Your comments will be posted on the Nebraskans for the Arts website.

If you would like additional information about the participating organizations, please contact NFTA Executive Director Petra Wahlqvist (402.817.8176, petra@nebraskansforthearts.org) or view the following websites:

Nebraskans for the Arts (www.nebraskansforthearts.org)

Nebraska Arts Teachers Association (www.nebraskaarteducators.org)