



June 2023 Newsletter

Here is what we have included for you in this month's newsletter:

- Legislative Session Summary
- Creative Forces Grants Awarded to Nebraska Organizations
- The 2023-24 NebraskARTS Applications are now open
- Omaha Community Foundation Grant Opportunities
- New Creative Districts Announced
- 2023 State Arts Awards Nominations



Nebraska Legislative Session Summary

The 108th Legislature, First Session, has adjourned SINE DIE. Nebraskans for the Arts focused on the following key bills this session:

LB605 – Art Therapy

NFTA **supported** LB605, which would provide protections and requirements for certified art therapists.

The bill advanced to General File but was not heard on the floor. We are hoping it will be heard next session.

LB371 – Prohibits people under 19 or 21 to attend a drag show

NFTA **opposed** this bill due its negative effects on the arts.

The bill did not move out of committee this session. NFTA is in close contact with national colleagues and are continuing to pro-actively monitor these types of legislations across the nation.



Creative Forces Grants Awarded to Nebraska Organizations

Two organizations from Nebraska are among the 34 organizations nationwide awarded a Creative Forces®: Community Engagement Grant. These community-based arts programming projects address the distinct experiences, challenges, and strengths of military-connected populations through the arts.

Congratulations to **BLIXT** and **West Nebraska Arts Center** who are the Nebraska recipients!

Creative Forces®: NEA Military Healing Arts Network is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with the U.S. Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs that seeks to improve the health, well-being, and quality of life for military and veteran populations exposed to trauma, as well as their families and caregivers.

These grants (totaling \$760,000) will serve a broad population, including active duty service members, guardsmen, reservists, veterans, military and veteran families, as well as caregivers and healthcare workers providing care for military service members and veterans.

To read more, go [here](#).



Apply for the 2023-24 NebraskARTS Award!

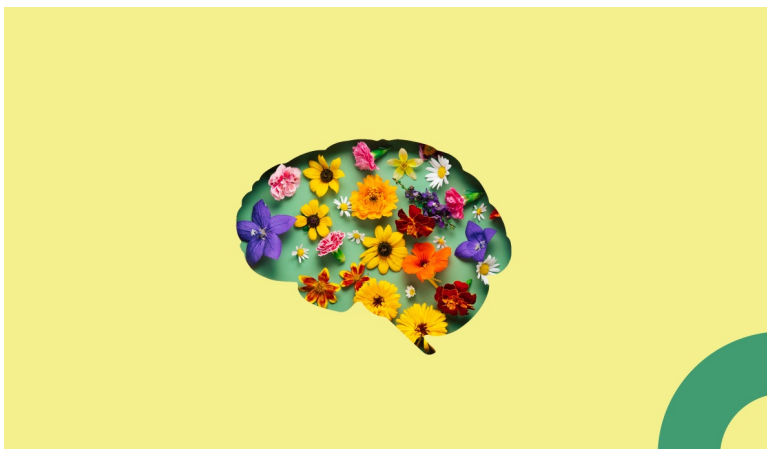
Each year, Nebraskans for the Arts honors two Nebraska school or school districts that have supported and encouraged achievement in the media arts, visual arts, dance, music, or theatre

The application form for 2023-24 is now available!

The winners receive a Legislative Resolution, a special trophy, and a celebration at their location.

Applications are due on Friday, October 13, 2023 by 11:59pm and the two winners for 2023-24 will be notified by Monday, December 11, 2023.

For more information and to apply, [go here](#).



Omaha Community Foundation Grants

As a resource and partner to local nonprofits in the community, **Omaha Community Foundation** offers robust grant programming throughout the year. Please see below for grant information and deadlines.

June 1 - July 15

- Jetton Charitable Fund for youth access to the arts, history, and natural sciences.
 - Creche Childhood Education Fund for early childhood education.
 - Richard A. Shaw Fund for history, natural sciences, and outdoor education.
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New Certified Creative Districts in Nebraska

Congratulations to our newest Certified Creative Districts: Valley County, Fremont, and Scottsbluff!

The mission of the **Valley County Creative District** is to build a collective home for creatives, driven by the diverse participation of innovative talent, supported by abundant pride in the arts and unique beauty of the district.

The **Fremont Creative District** enhances quality of life and economic vitality for our creative sector and businesses through advocacy, promotion, education, infrastructure and connections, and for our community and visitors by growing engagement in the arts, entertainment and cultural experiences.

The **Scottsbluff Creative District** will be a hub of creative energy in the region, where the talent and soul of the community are showcased in an attractive, colorful, quirky, fun, and memorable place to be. The vibrant atmosphere will draw diverse visitors and residents alike, supporting economic prosperity and community togetherness into the future.

Read more about these new districts, along with our other certified districts, [here](#).



2023 State Arts Awards and Nominations

The Nebraska Arts Council will be hosting the Governor's Arts Awards later this year with a new title: The State Arts Awards!

The biennial awards program recognizes individuals and organizations that shape our state's artistic landscape. The impact of the arts, and these honorees, is felt in the classroom, the economy, and the community.

This year's awards ceremony and reception will be held at the Embassy Suites in downtown Lincoln on October 19th, 2023.

Click [here](#) to learn more about each award and to submit a nomination. Nominations will be accepted until midnight on June 30th, 2023.

Join Nebraskans for the Arts Today! Memberships start at \$25/year!

If you are not yet a member of Nebraskans for the Arts, now is a great time to change that! Individual memberships start at \$25/year. Memberships support NFTA advocacy and activities.

To become a member, visit our website [here](#).



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