

New Hampshire State Council on the Arts

How to use the Online Application System

Artist Residencies in Schools, Youth Arts Projects, Arts in Health Projects,
Arts for Community Engagement, Folklife & Traditional Arts Projects

The [New Hampshire State Council on the Arts](#) uses an online application system through a web-based platform called [Submittable](#). Detailed instructions are found throughout the online application system. The following are additional guidelines on how to use the system.

Where can I find the online application?

The website for the online application is <https://nharts.submittable.com>. You can also find links from our [website](#). We strongly recommend that you complete your application using either [Google Chrome](#) or [Mozilla Firefox](#). If you don't have one of these browsers, please click the links to download.

How do I start the online application?

When you go to the [online application system](#), you will see NHSCA's logo at the top of the page and below it a list of grants and opportunities. Find the grant you are applying for and choose it by clicking on it.

If you have not already created a free account, the system will prompt you to fill out the requested user account information. After you fill out the form and click "Create Account and Continue," you will be taken back to your chosen application. If you already have an account, log in with your user name and password to start an application.

You will then see a brief set of guidelines detailing your chosen grant program, and links to detailed guidelines and the budget form.

Can I save my application?

Once you start an application, you can save it at any time. Click the "Save Draft" button at the bottom of the application to save your work. The Submittable system is very stable, but we recommend that you save your application every 15 minutes just in case. Once your application is saved, you can continue working on it or sign out of the online application system.

Your application will remain active for 21 days from your last log in. It's important to remember that saving the application is not the same as submitting it. You will still need to submit your application in order for it to be received.

What are the application components?

There are six (6) parts to the online application. They appear in the following order:

- Applicant Data
- Fiscal Agent Information
- Grant Request Information
- Facility Data and Accessibility Assurances
- Documents Upload
- Certification (electronic signature)

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Applicant Data

Please enter the applicant's information. If an applicant is being assisted by a fiscal agent, please put the fiscal agent's information in Section 2. If an applicant is applying in partnership with another organization, please include the information for the lead organization only.

Fiscal Agent

If an applicant is working with a Fiscal Agent, please put their information in this section.

Grant Request Information

Please enter the grant request information such as title, dates, demographics, and other important information. In the Project Summary area, please title/summarize your project with one clearly stated phrase or sentence.

Facility Data and Accessibility Assurances

Each grantee is required to assure that they are in compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA). This section asks a series of questions relating to the facility and accessibility.

Documents Upload

Each program requires that you upload certain documents. **Please read the guidelines carefully** and have all required documents ready before you begin the application.

Certification

This section serves as your electronic signature. Check the "Agree" box to certify your application and type your name and title into the areas provided.

How do I submit my application?

When your application is completely filled out, all documents are uploaded and you've agreed to the Certification, your application is ready to submit. When you are ready, click the "Submit" button. Once you do so your application will be submitted and the system will send you a confirmation email. If you cannot submit your application, you probably haven't answered all of the required questions. Any question or field with a red asterisk next to it is required.

What happens after I submit my application?

All applications will be reviewed by Arts Council staff for eligibility, completeness and accuracy, with further review by a peer panel. Applicants may be contacted by telephone or email to clarify and/or request additional information prior to the review panel dates.

What happens if I accidentally submit my application before I'm ready?

Please contact the program's Grant Coordinator listed in the guidelines.

Can I print out my application?

Yes! After you have submitted your application, the confirmation email will include a link to your application. Follow the link back to the online application system and print your application through your web browser's printing function. Please note

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that your uploaded documents will not be included. You can request a full copy of your application, including all the uploaded documents, from the grant coordinator.

What can I do if I can't bundle files together as a zip file?

If you can't zip up your files, please consider merging the print materials to create a single PDF. In most document and image programs you can export, save as, or print to PDF. You can also insert images into MS Word documents and save the documents as PDFs. If you do not have Adobe Acrobat, there are a number of free programs available that will merge PDFs into a single document. Please contact Ginnie at Virginia.a.lupi@dncr.nh.gov or 603-271-8418 if you have questions.

What if I don't have internet access?

There are a number of options available. The first is to visit one of the many public libraries located throughout the state. All public libraries have computers and free internet access. You can see a list of them at [New Hampshire Library Directory \(nhlibraries.org\)](http://nhlibraries.org).

Can I use my mobile device such as a phone or tablet?

Yes, Submittable fully supports mobile devices. The only thing that's different is the process for uploading files. You will need to create a [Dropbox](#) account (it's free) and upload documents via this system. Don't worry, Submittable will walk you through the steps.

Can I submit drafts for staff review?

Yes. Grant coordinators will accept drafts of the narrative questions and budget forms for review **no later than two weeks before the grant deadline**. Drafts should be emailed to coordinators and clearly titled. Please see the grant guidelines for draft deadlines.

What if I have more questions?

For questions about the grant program you're applying to, please contact the coordinator listed at the top of the grant guidelines. If you have questions about using the online application, please visit Submittable's help page at <https://www.submittable.com/help/submitter>. Additionally, visit the [main grants page](#) on the Arts Council's website for grant writing tips and other helpful information.