

New Hampshire State Council on the Arts
How to use the Online Application System
Artist Entrepreneurial Grants

The [New Hampshire State Council on the Arts](#) uses an online application system through a web-based platform called [Submittable](#). **Use of the online system is required**, and detailed instructions are found throughout. 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 or opportunity 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 username 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
- Payment
- Grant Request Information
- Public Component Details
- Document Upload Section
- Certification

Applicant Data

Enter your contact information and answer all questions in this section.

Payment

Fill out this section **only** if payment will go to someone other than you.

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Grant Request Information

In this section, please provide information about the project/opportunity for which you are requesting funds.

Public Component Details

Fill out this section **only** if your project/opportunity includes a public component (performance, exhibition, talk, etc.).

Document Upload Section

In this section, you will upload the following documents. Unless otherwise indicated, we prefer documents in PDF format.

- **Narrative questions.** Questions should be answered in one document, following instructions in the Guidelines.
- **Budget form.** Your completed budget form can be uploaded in MS Excel or PDF format.
- **Opportunity documentation.** Documentation might include acceptance acknowledgment (receipt or email), scholarship notification letter, invitation letter, etc.
- **Summary resume.** Your summary resume should be **no longer** than 2 typed pages.
- **Work samples.** Samples of your work must be submitted. If possible, we prefer that you include a link in your Narrative to your website or Creative Ground profile. If you've done that you do not need to upload anything here. If you do need to upload work samples, up to 10 files may be submitted. Accepted file types: DOC, DOCX, PDF, RTF, JPG, PNG, MP3, WAV, WMA, MP4, MOV, WMV, PPT or ZIP. We prefer that you ZIP your files.
- **Contractor price quote and work samples.** If utilizing an outside contractor for marketing materials, website, etc., please upload the price quote and designer resume/background and work samples, if not linked to in your Narrative. Up to 10 files may be uploaded. Accepted file types: DOC, DOCX, PDF, RTF, JPG, PNG, MP3, WAV, WMA, MP4, MOV, WMV, PPT or ZIP. We prefer that you ZIP your files.

Certification

This section serves as an electronic signature. Check the “Agree” box to certify your application.

How do I submit my application?

When your application is completely filled out, all materials are uploaded and you’ve agreed to the Certification, your application is ready to submit. When you are ready, click on 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 an 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 an internal panel. Applicants may be contacted by telephone or email to clarify and/or request additional information prior to the review date.

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

Once you submit your application, it can’t be reopened or altered. Please contact the program’s Grant Coordinator, listed on the guidelines.

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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 that your supplemental materials will not be included.

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

Please remember that there are file number limits in each upload area. 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.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 option 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 <http://pierce.state.nh.us/libdir>.

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 supplemental materials 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 form 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.