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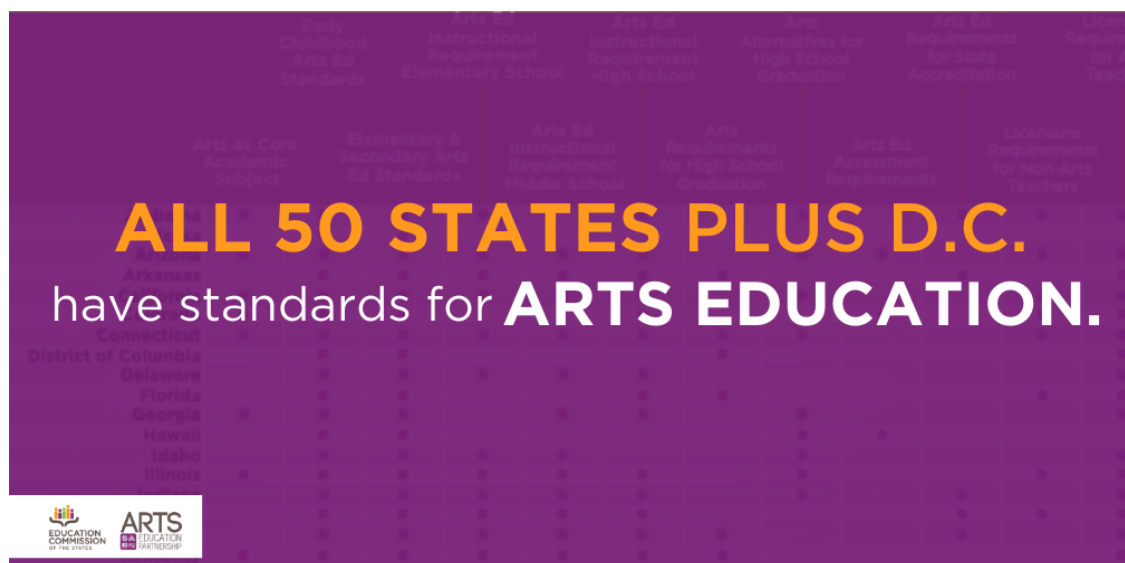


Call for Proposals Opens for 2021 AEP Virtual Gathering

AEP is excited to share our call for concurrent session proposals for the AEP Virtual Gathering! To be held on **Sept. 14-15**, this year's event serves as an opportunity to gather virtually to explore the best of what is happening in arts education across the country. From keynote remarks to engaging concurrent sessions, our goal is to provide you with the knowledge and tools you need to advance your work while building stronger connections in the arts education community. The call for proposal deadline is **May 21, 5 p.m. PDT**. For more information about proposal guidelines, [visit our website](#).

Are you interested in how to craft a strong proposal? AEP Director Jamie

Kasper and AEP Senior Project Manager Mary Dell’Erba will host a concurrent session design workshop virtually on **April 29, 2-3 p.m. EDT**. They will share tips on crafting a competitive concurrent session proposal for this year’s AEP Virtual Gathering. At the end of the session, participants can ask additional questions about the proposal process. [Click here](#) to register for this session!



New Blog Post Unpacks Updates to Arts Education Policy Resource

AEP recently published a blog post from Project Manager Krystal Johnson on ArtsEd Amplified. “[Extra! Extra! ArtScan Captures New Policy Area](#)” shares details on this year’s ArtScan updates. The clearinghouse for the latest state policies supporting arts education, [ArtScan](#) is an informative 50-State Comparison and also includes a one-page reference guide, [ArtScan at a Glance](#). AEP relied on support from colleagues at Education Commission of the States and our partners at the State Education Agency Directors of Arts Education in developing the 2021 ArtScan update. Learn about the new policy area added this year!

News From Our Partners and Affiliates



National Student Poetry Competition to be Broadcast Live

Poetry Out Loud — a partnership of the National Endowment for the Arts, Poetry Foundation and state and jurisdictional arts agencies — will hold its **national semifinals and finals** virtually this May. Designed to celebrate dynamic poetry recitation from top high school students across the country, the semifinals on **May 2** will feature 55 finalists, and the top nine students from that competition will advance to the **May 27** finals to compete for \$50,000 in awards and stipends.

National Grant Organization Offers Virtual Learning Opportunity on Arts and Juvenile Justice

Grantmakers in the Arts will host its next webinar, “Advancing Art & Advocacy: Abolition Opportunities in Juvenile Detention,” on **April 27 at 2 p.m. EDT**. Intended for emerging and experienced grantmakers with information and discussions that inform their day-to-day practices, this webinar will discuss the Art for Justice Fund, a five-year initiative that is disrupting mass incarceration by funding artists, youth activists and advocates who are working together to reform the justice system. **Register today!**

Educational Research Grant Program Accepting Applications

The American Educational Research Association will continue to offer its **research and dissertation grants program**. Made possible by National Science Foundation (NSF) funding, the grants program provides small grants and training for researchers who conduct studies of education policy and practice using quantitative methods and including the analysis of data from the large-scale data sets sponsored by National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) and NSF. **Deadline: May 12.**



National Education Policy Organization Offers COVID-19 School Reopening Resources

The Learning Policy Institute recently **shared a suite of resources** on how federal COVID-19 relief can be implemented in safe and sustainable school reopening. These research and tools can be used to support districts to develop safe and equitable short and long-term plans and include a curated hub of health and safety resources regularly updated to share critical information for school leaders, early learning communities and policymakers.

Modern Art Foundation Accepting Submissions for Student Scholarship Program

Dedalus Foundation invites graduating high school seniors to apply for its scholarships awarded for artistic excellence. Seven winners will receive fine arts scholarships of up to \$2,000 to be used for school expenses to further their studies in fine arts or art history at an accredited college. **Learn more** about the program guidelines and apply today. **Deadline: April 23!**

Call for Proposals Opens for Global Humanities Symposium

The Meridian Center for Cultural Diplomacy and the National Endowment for the Humanities are now **accepting proposals** for the “2021 Global Humanities Symposium: Observing Cultural Diplomacy.” To be held virtually on **June 11**, the inaugural symposium is open to early to mid-career professionals, including post-doctoral fellows, professors of practice, independent scholars, professionals outside of academia and those in early-stage academic positions. Proposals should focus on the idea of “Observe,” one of the foundational

processes in building bridges across cultures. Interested presenters must submit 250-300 word abstracts and other materials by **April 30**.

Documentary Film Foundation Teams Up with Film Festival to Support Black Directors

North Carolina-based Working Films and the Cucularus Film Festival are **now accepting applications** for the 2021 Works in Progress (WiP) Lab. The Lab supports social justice documentaries being made by Black filmmakers. Eligible filmmakers selected to participate will attend a weeklong residency in Wilmington, North Carolina, which will include trainings, workshops and screenings before and during the annual film festival to be held this November. Learn how to apply for this creative and professional development opportunity. **Deadline: May 1.**

Events

- **Theatre Educator Pro “Soul Stomping — Experiencing the Influence of African Dance on Broadway” Live Webinar**
Educational Theatre Association, April 13 and 29, Virtual Event
 - **“Thriving Better Together: Creative Aging & Resilience” Webinar Series**
National Guild for Community Arts Education, April 15-29, Virtual Event
 - **“Making the Case for Theatre Education: As a Practice” Workshop**
American Alliance for Theatre and Education, May 12, Virtual Event
 - **2021 International Thespian Festival**
International Thespian Society, June 22-25, Virtual Event
 - **2021 AATE National Conference**
American Alliance for Theatre Education, July 21-25, Virtual Event
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Career Opportunities

- **Arts & Culture Program Manager** | Carson City Culture and Tourism Authority,

Carson City, Nevada

- **Curator of Fine and Performing Arts** | Detroit Zoological Society, Detroit, Michigan
- **Theatre Arts Program Coordinator** | Pasco County Library Services, Trinity, Florida
- **Assistant Director of Arts and Programs** | Division of Student Affairs, University of North Carolina Wilmington



#ArtsEdSearch: How does the relationship between **#Creativity**, **#Engagement** & skill development play out in **#ArtsLearning** within other contexts like group classroom settings and out-of-school environments? This study may offer clues: <http://ow.ly/iFNP50Emh7R> | **#ArtsEd**

Have news to share?

Please submit a 100-word summary to gmiddleton@ecs.org.

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