



This year, AEP continued to work to support **our partner organizations** and the arts education field by providing access to **topical resources**, creating opportunities for **collaboration**, and connecting **research** and **policy** related to the arts in education. In 2020, we look forward to expanding our scope of work by exploring the role of the arts in Juvenile Justice, developing new relationships across sectors, and sharing new resources and information to support equitable access to a high-quality arts education for all students. We are excited to continue this work with all of you and for the new opportunities ahead.

Sincerely, The AEP Team

Don't Miss Your Chance to Attend One of Our Upcoming Events!

Register Now: 2020 Arts Education Policy Briefing (March 29, Washington, D.C.)

Save the Date: 2020 AEP Annual Convening (Sept. 9-10, San Diego, California)

Mews From Our Partners



Applications Open: 2020 Aim High Grant Program

The New York Life Foundation and the Afterschool Alliance are accepting applications from out-of-school time programs for this annual **funding opportunity that supports disadvantaged middle school youths** in transitioning to ninth grade. The New York Life Foundation will award 26 grants, including both one-year and two-year funding cycles, and the Afterschool Alliance will administer the grant application process. **Deadline to apply: Jan. 24.**

Professional Development Opportunity for Arts Educators

Registration is open for **The Music Center's 2020 Teaching Artist Training**, which provides new and experienced dance, music, theatre, and media and visual arts teachers with strategies to integrate arts learning both in school and in out-of-school settings. The training will include content that correlates to

Registration Open: Learn How You Can Become an A+ Schools Fellow

Registration is now open for information sessions about **fellow opportunities available with A+ Schools of North Carolina** in 2020. Following a one-year apprenticeship, recruited fellows — who include college professors, teachers and teaching artists, among others — will provide professional development for A+ Schools and its partner organizations.

News From The Field



Cincinnati Program Helps Support Student Success Through Arts Learning

Cincinnati Arts and Technology Studios

provides high school students with opportunities to fulfill a fine arts or elective graduation credit, while also enabling them to gain in-demand work skills through studio classes. Through these classes, students have the chance to explore the arts across disciplines, including multimedia production and visual arts.

Grant to Support Access to STEAM Education Opportunities for Female Students

This grant — awarded by the Corning Incorporated Foundation — will give middle school students the chance to engage in hands-on learning experiences in STEAM education, as well as opportunities to explore STEM

development of critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

After-School Program Brings the Arts to California Students

This **enrichment program** increases access to the arts for elementary students from lower socioeconomic households by providing them with opportunities to engage in activities across arts disciplines, including photography, choir and instrument lessons. Students participate in classes suggested by school staff members that take place over eight weeks during the school semester.

Convenings

• APAP | NYC 2020

Association of Performing Arts Professionals, Jan. 10-14, New York, New York

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Arts Education Partnership and Americans for the Arts, March 29, Washington, D.C.

Career Opportunities

- President and Chief Executive Officer | League of American Orchestras, New York, New York
- Assistant Professor of Art and Design, Graphic Design | Morehead State
 University, Morehead, Kentucky
- Executive Director | Oakland School for the Arts, Oakland, California

ArtsEdSearch

#ArtsEdSearch: Students who attended an #artsintegrated elementary school felt their early learning supported their self-concept & relationships with others. bit.ly/2P8LYgr | #ArtsEd #ArtsIntegration #SEL

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