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Request for Qualifications

Artists in Schools Program

Deadline – Monday, August 11, 2025, 11:55pm Mountain Standard Time

Description

The Chandler Arts Commission, Chandler Unified School District, and Kyrene School District are looking for four Arizona-based artists to teach a series of classes over approximately three weeks in Chandler middle/junior high schools in early 2026. The selected artists will work with City and school staff to develop and lead a series of lessons during the school day. The lessons will be based around each artist's individual skillset and provide meaningful opportunities for students to engage with a professional artist.

Additionally, this year's Artists in Schools program will celebrate the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States. Artists will work with city and school staff to develop projects that feature a prompt relevant to this theme, such as, "What unites America?" A selection of student artwork will be displayed at Chandler Museum in April 2026.

Budget

The series of classes will be taught over several weeks in January or February of 2025. Each artist will be paid \$3,000, which will cover all aspects of the project including, but not limited to lesson design, course preparation, transportation, and in-class instruction. There will be a separate \$500 materials budget for each artist.

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Time Commitment

Though teaching dates are flexible, it is expected that all lessons will occur within a 3-week period during the regular school day. Artists will meet with 3 classrooms for 8 sessions each to lead students in creating a finished project. It is expected that artists will perform about 24 hours of teaching.

Sample Schedule:

Date	Group 1	Group 2	Break	Group 3
Tues, Jan 20	9:05-10:16am	10:21-11:32am	11:37am-1:29pm	1:34-2:44pm
Thurs, Jan 22	9:05-10:16am	10:21-11:32am	11:37am-1:29pm	1:34-2:44pm
Mon, Jan 26	9:05-10:16am	10:21-11:32am	11:37am-1:29pm	1:34-2:44pm
Wed, Jan 28	9:05-10:16am	10:21-11:32am	11:37am-1:29pm	1:34-2:44pm
Fri, Jan 30	9:05-10:16am	10:21-11:32am	11:37am-1:29pm	1:34-2:44pm
Tues, Feb 3	9:05-10:16am	10:21-11:32am	11:37am-1:29pm	1:34-2:44pm
Thurs, Feb 5	9:05-10:16am	10:21-11:32am	11:37am-1:29pm	1:34-2:44pm
Mon, Feb 9	9:05-10:16am	10:21-11:32am	11:37am-1:29pm	1:34-2:44pm

Sample schedule demonstrating typical time commitment; selected artists will work with city and school staff to determine exact dates and times.

How to Apply:

Qualification submissions are due by 11:55pm on Monday, August 11, 2025, and can be submitted digitally via the webform found here: <https://forms.gle/5336HUwcmPAZYpUz7>

Submission Criteria – please upload the following in one document:

1. An introduction not to exceed 500 words explaining your previous experience working in an educational setting.
2. Current resume or curriculum vitae (CV) including artist(s) accomplishments. Resume or CV should not exceed 2 pages. If a resume is not available or does not accurately represent your qualifications, please submit a list of your artistic accomplishments.
3. A portfolio illustrating up to 5 teaching projects you have led with the following for each:
 - a. When the project occurred
 - b. Description up to 200 words
 - c. Any partner organizations or commissioning bodies
 - d. 1-3 photos if available

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This is a request for qualifications, not a request for proposals. The four selected artists will meet with city and school district staff to plan their lessons.

Selection Process and Schedule

All artist submissions will be reviewed by the City of Chandler Arts Commission and Kyrene and CUSD Staff. All entries must be submitted by 11:55pm on Monday, August 11, 2025. The City anticipates selecting 4 artists for this project. Selected artists will be required to show proof of or obtain an Arizona Fingerprint Clearance Card prior to working with students. The City of Chandler may be able to assist with associated costs. Some districts may also require brief volunteer training. The projected timeline for this RFQ is as follows:

August 11	Submission deadline
August 25	All applicants notified
September	Contract finalized
Fall	Meeting with teachers, schedule and lesson plans finalized
January / February 2026	3-week teaching periods
April 2026	Exhibition of student artwork and reception

Contact: Caroline Hudson-Naef at 480-782-2698 or caroline.hudson-naef@chandleraz.gov

Interested, but need more information? Does this sound daunting? We are happy to answer any questions you have, go over your submission info with you, and provide feedback. Please do not hesitate to reach out.