

## Arts in Schools Grants 2019-20

*Arts in Schools grant cycle will open on September 9. All applications must be received by 12:00 noon on Friday, October 18. Email applications only. Applications may be accessed at [www.unionarts.org](http://www.unionarts.org) under GRANTS.*

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The Arts in Schools grant program is designed to provide each school in Union County the opportunity to apply for funding from the Union County Community Arts Council.

Applications are open on an annual basis to all Union County schools that promote and support arts education and/or instruction for students. All schools are given an equal opportunity to apply for a grant not to exceed \$500.00.

The Union County Community Arts Council believes that art education is core to the education of every child. A student involved in the arts is:

- . 4 times more likely to be recognized for academic achievement
- . 4 times more likely to participate in a math or science fair
- . 3 times more likely to win an award for school attendance
- . Low-income students who are highly engaged in the arts are more than twice as likely to graduate from college as their peers with no arts education
- . 72% of business leaders say that creativity is the number one skill they are seeking when hiring
- . Students who take 4 years of art and music classes average almost 100 points better on their SAT scores than students who take only ½ year or less.

Grants are designed to serve the cultural needs of students through a wide range of classroom activities, programs and services. Classroom instructors are encouraged to develop arts curriculum that support a child's learning experience and enhance normal classroom instruction. The grant program is intended to meet a need for students to have "hands on" involvement and/or instruction to the arts in the areas where opportunities are not generally available. Schools are encouraged to develop projects that are unique to the school and not a duplicate of other programs.