

Union County Community Arts Council Arts in Bloom Educator Grant Guidelines 2024-2025

The Arts in Bloom Educator Grant program provides an opportunity for teachers to apply for grants for new, innovative projects that promote and support arts education and development for students.

Funding Eligibility

- Public schools and charter schools in Union County are eligible for funding.
- Projects for a small number of students are typically not funded.
- Art supplies that should be purchased by the school are not funded.
- Projects are allowed to cross departments and cross schools (ex: middle & high school in cluster).
- Funds must be expended in the 2024-2025 school year.

Grant Amount & Availability

- Grants may not exceed \$1,000.
- As one of the purposes of the Arts in Bloom Educator Grant is to encourage and fund new projects, former applicants will not be guaranteed funding each year.
- A funding match from the school is not required.

Application Deadline

Friday, October 25, 2024 @ *5:00pm.* Applicants may complete the Google form at https://forms.gle/HqxXDfAwFDhsGyqD6 (preferred) or email the PDF version of the application to grants@unionarts.org

Application Evaluation

Applications are reviewed by a volunteer panel, using the following criteria:

- Project is new, creative, unique to the school and is not a duplicate of other programs.
- Meets an artistic need in the school.
- Provides a hands-on or virtual, if needed, experience for students.
- Potential for project to broaden the school's understanding of and appreciation for the art form and other cultural offerings.
- Project budget is clear & detailed.
- Application is for a complete project, not just a list of wanted supplies.

Application Review & Notification

Applicants will be notified by November 8, 2024. Grantees are required to complete an Arts in the Bloom Educator Grant Report Form no later than June 1, 2025, or earlier when the project is completed.

Recognition Requirements

All grant recipients must acknowledge the Union County Community Arts Council's support of their project by including the UCCAC logo and funding credit line in <u>all</u> digital and print promotional materials, programs, and announcements related to the grant.

The following credit line is required and may not be altered: "This project is supported by the Union County Community Arts Council Arts in Bloom Educator Grant program."

The UCCAC logos (color and black & white) can be downloaded at www.unionarts.org/grants.

Failure to provide proper credit may result in forfeiture of awarded grant funds and jeopardize future funding requests.

Questions & Assistance

If applicants have questions or need assistance, please contact Melanie Miller, UCCAC Executive Director, at melanie@unionarts.org or 704-283-2784.

We look forward to working with you and supporting the great work you do for Union County students. Thank you for making a difference in their lives!