

Art Educators of New Jersey Executive Board Youth Art Month Grant Guidelines

Inspiration:

A growing trend in YAM programs has been to join with other worthwhile projects for the benefit of all: students, parents, teachers, community.

Objective:

The grant recipient will be able to provide a culturally enriching program for the participants and the community at or during the county YAM exhibit.

Requirements:

- The event must be held at the same site and time as your county YAM exhibition and must involve no less than three current AENJ members.
- The grant recipient must be able to document, using measurable standards, increased support for quality art programs through the medium of Youth Art Month.
- AENJ will reimburse the grant recipient after submission of receipts to the Treasurer and after documentation of increased support has been submitted to the State YAM Chair on or before May 31st.
- Over expenditures beyond the requested amount will not be honored.
- A short presentation at the subsequent conference's YAM Lunch explaining why you did the project, how you did the project and a reflection on the results of the project.
- This award is a maximum of \$500.00. One quarter of the monies will be paid upon acceptance of the proposal. One half will be paid upon the submission of the documented growth and support and receipts to the State YAM Chair on or before May 31st. The final quarter will be paid after the YAM Lunch presentation.

Deadline for receipts and documentation for increased growth and support must be submitted to State YAM Chairs on or before May 31st

Some potential ideas may include, but not limited to:

- Chalk it up: students reproducing famous artwork on the sidewalks of the YAM exhibit.
- Passport to Art from Around the World: students and parents take an imaginary tour of a country i.e. Japan, Holland or Mexico.
- Produce and distribute an "ArtsPower" guide book. This was inspired by Oklahoma and it featured 10 key avenues to improve arts education in local schools; visit www.artspower.com for more information.
- Artist-in-Residence programs
- Student run craft workshops
- Statewide postcard exchange
- Edible art projects (where food items resemble a period of art, an artist, or a specific work of art)
- Quilt projects
- An Arts & Craft Night

SAMPLE PROPOSAL
YAM Co-Chairs of Somerset County

Proposal. – March is Youth Art Month and we would like to celebrate this idea in combination with a mask making experience to artistically celebrate Mardi Gras. So, students will be able to participate and make masks and other wearable items. Then students and their families will be able to have a keepsake and showcase their mask art in a picture-perfect photo booth and receive an instant print. The print will include a memorable family photo and the “YAM” logo as well. This would not only celebrate the artists, but would also help to continue to celebrate the artists. Now students can hand the print to their grandparents or frame it.

Review Process. The AENJ Executive Board will review applications. Notifications will be sent out after the January Board Meeting.

Project/Program Title: The Creative Look of Mardi Gras

Description of Project/Program: Mask Making celebrating Mardi Gras-Where students can create then showcase their creativity with a fun photo “keepsake” print in a photo booth (which can include their family).

How Funds will be Used: For art supplies and photo booth including consumable print outs.

Date(s) of Project/Program: Reception I and II – Sunday, March 9th and Sunday, March 23rd

Venue of Project/ Program: Center for Contemporary Art (CCA), Bedminster, NJ

Amount of Grant Requested (up to \$500): Amount for craft supplies: \$150.00 (*breakdown*)
Glue \$15.00, feathers \$25.00 dowels \$15.00, Mask piece \$75.00, paint \$20.00.

Amount for prints and photo booth \$350.00 (*breakdown*) \$225.00 for photo quality paper, \$125.00 for multiple color ink.

Please document increased growth and support:

- *How will this project benefit art students, art teachers, and the community in your county?* Showcase students’ creative skills and help to advocate for YAM by having a keepsake print and mask creation.
- *Will this program target any special populations? If so, please describe.* It would truly benefit the students in mask making and in celebrating their own creations and the Art community (CCA and participating schools).
- *Indicate how you will promote and publicize the project.* Work with the Director of CCA to have newspaper coverage and through the Somerset County YAM website. Also, can be publicized on CCA website.

Deadline for YAM Grant Proposal Submission is DEC 31st