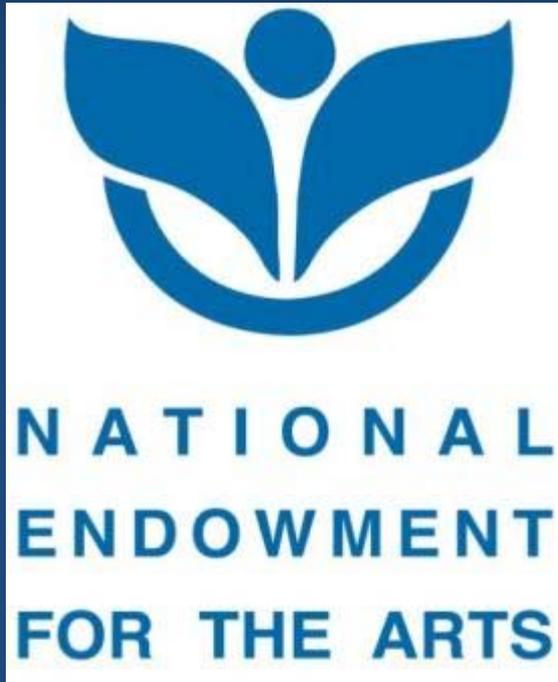# National Endowment for the Arts Grants Workshop

August 21, 2009

Who We Are

The National Endowment for the Arts

is a public agency dedicated to supporting excellence in the arts, both new and established; bringing the arts to all Americans; and providing leadership in arts education.

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awards more than $100 million each year to arts organizations of all sizes in all 50 states and U.S. territories.

We Support

- Arts Education
- Dance
- Design
- Folk and Traditional Arts

- Literature
- Local Arts Agencies
- Media Arts (Film/Radio/TV)
- Museums
- Music

- Musical Theater
- Opera
- Presenting
- Theater
- Visual Arts

Fellowships

Literature Fellowships

- Poetry
- Fiction and Creative Nonfiction
- Translation

State and Regional Partnerships

- 50 State Arts Agencies

- 6 Territories and Jurisdictions

- 6 Regional Arts Organizations

Lifetime Honors

National Medal of Arts

The highest award given by the President of the U.S. each year to artists, arts patrons, or arts organizations for lifetime achievement

## NEA National Heritage Fellowships

Recognize artistic excellence in the folk and traditional arts

NEA Jazz Masters

Recognize distinguished musicians who have made a significant contribution to jazz

NEA Opera Honors

Recognize extraordinary contributions of creators, performers, composers, and others

National Initiatives

- Model programs of indisputable artistic quality and merit
- Broad national reach
- Conducted in partnership with other organizations
- Strong educational component
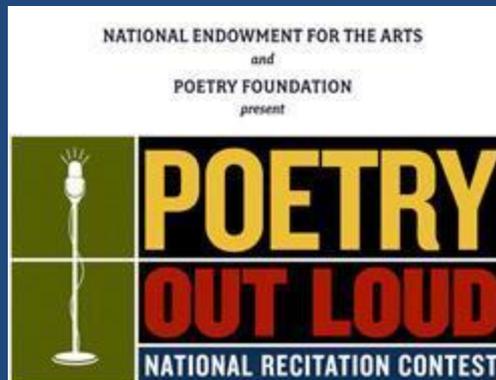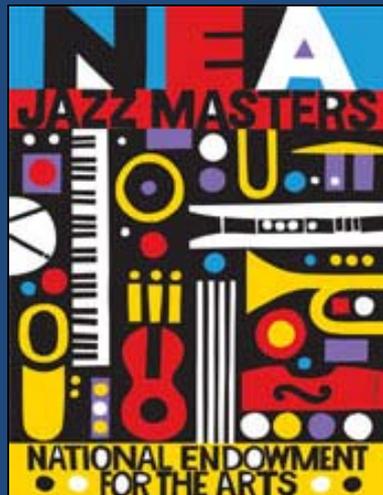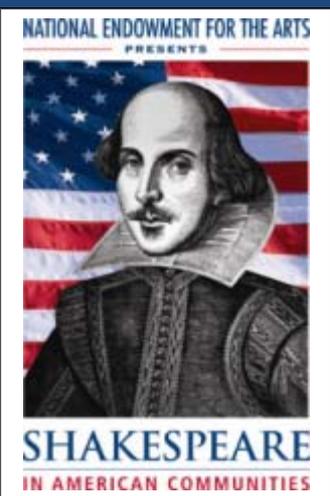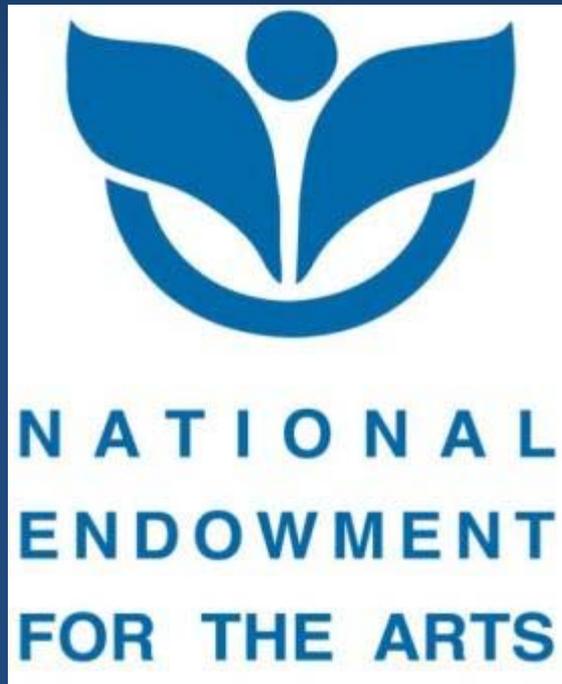
Applying
For a Grant

Who May Apply

- Arts organizations

- Arts service organizations

- Local arts agencies

- Official units of state or local governments

- School districts

- Federally recognized tribal communities and tribes

- Other non-profit organizations

Requirements

- Nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3)

- Three-year history of programming

- One-to-one match for project budget*

With the exception of the one-time grant opportunities associated with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)

Requirements

- Meet reporting requirements on any previous NEA awards

- Complete interim and final reports on time

We Do Not Fund

- General operating or seasonal support

- Individuals

- Individual schools

- Facility construction, purchase, or renovation

- Commercial, for-profit enterprises

- Creation of new organizations

- Academic degrees

- Re-granting

- Projects that supplant existing in-school arts instruction
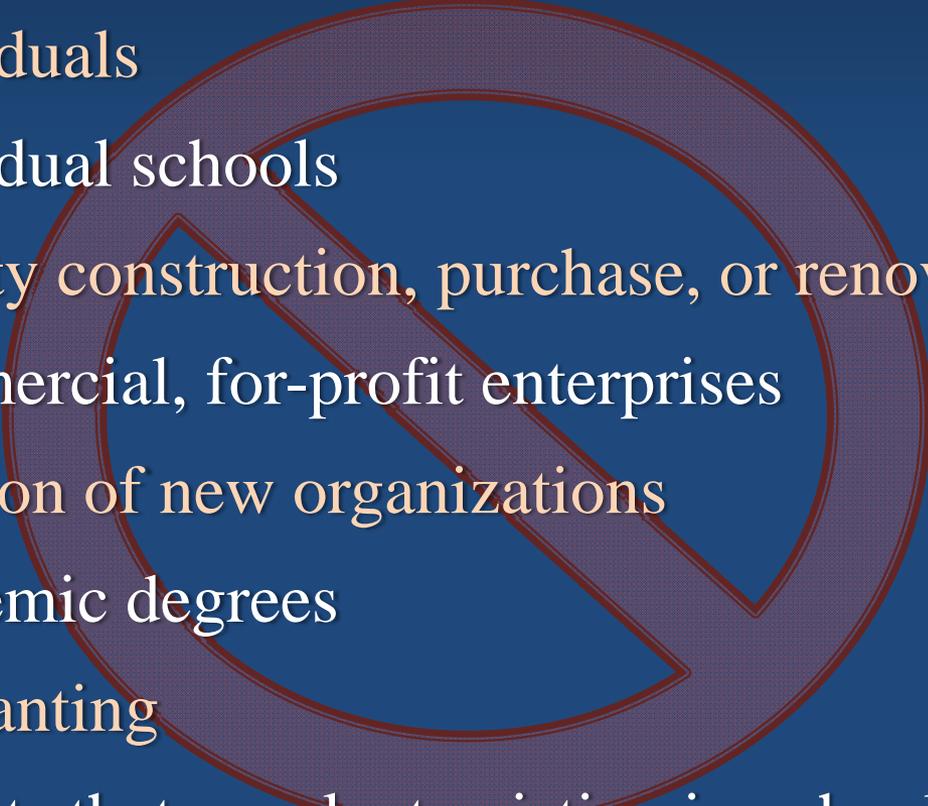
Grants Review Process

- Diverse artistic experience and expression

- Geographic representation

- Gender and ethnic diversity

- Rotation of panelists

- Confidential deliberations

- Conflict-free panels

Grants Review Process

Level 3: Chairman of the NEA

Level 2: National Council on the Arts

Level 1: Panel

Review Criteria:
Artistic Excellence
Artistic Merit
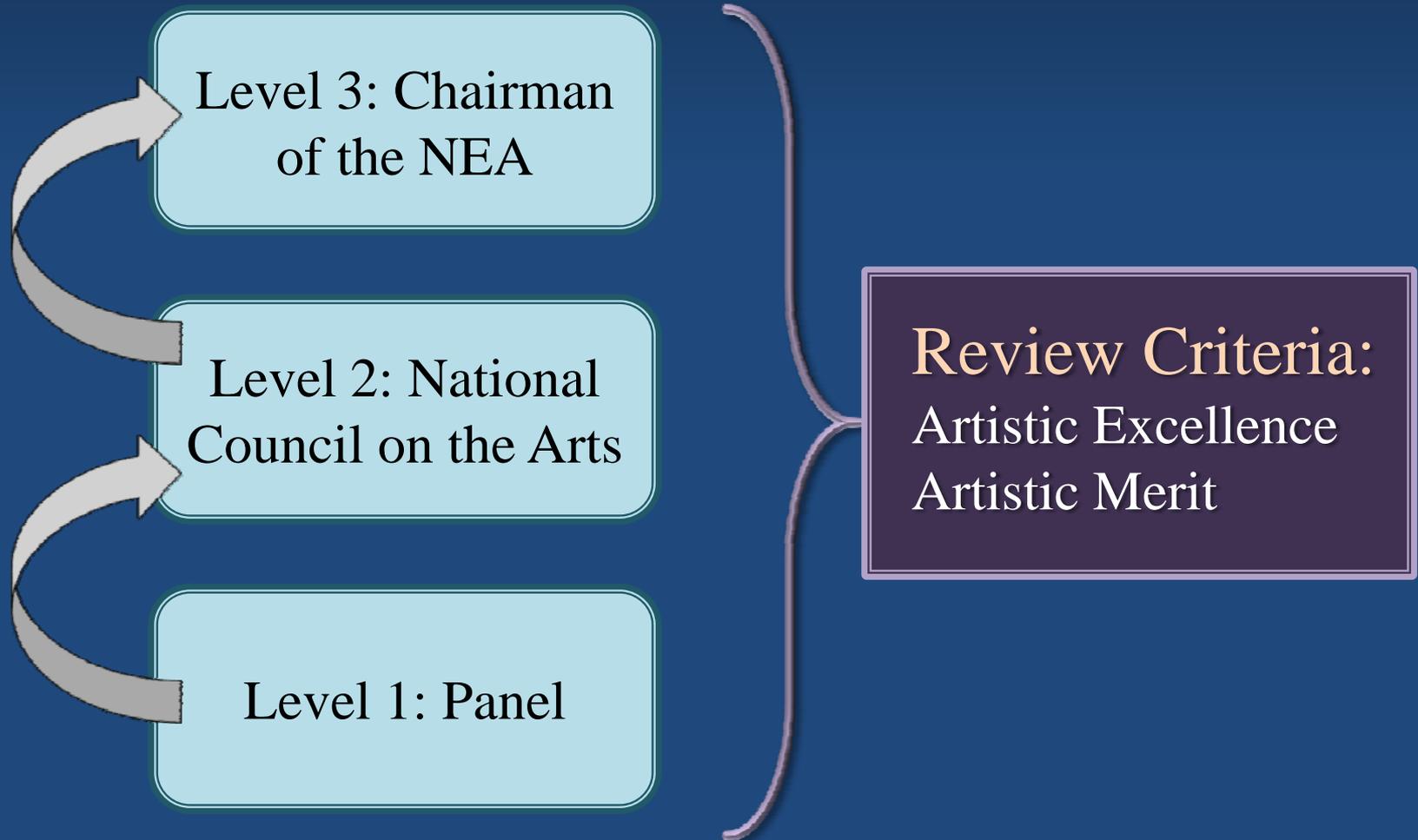
Grants For Arts Projects

Step 1: Select your discipline

Step 2: Select a funding Category

- Access to Artistic Excellence

- Challenge America: Reaching Every Community Fast-Track Review Grants

- Learning in the Arts for Children and Youth

Access to Artistic Excellence

August 13 Deadline
Projects <u>must</u> have a start date after June 1, 2010

2010 Deadlines will be announced in the coming months

Grants range from $5,000- $150,000

The next deadline will be in 2010.

Challenge America

Applicants are notified of awards within six months

Emphasis on underserved communities

All grants are $10,000

The next deadline will be in 2010.

Learning in the Arts For Children and Youth

All projects must include four components: experience, study, performance, and assessment

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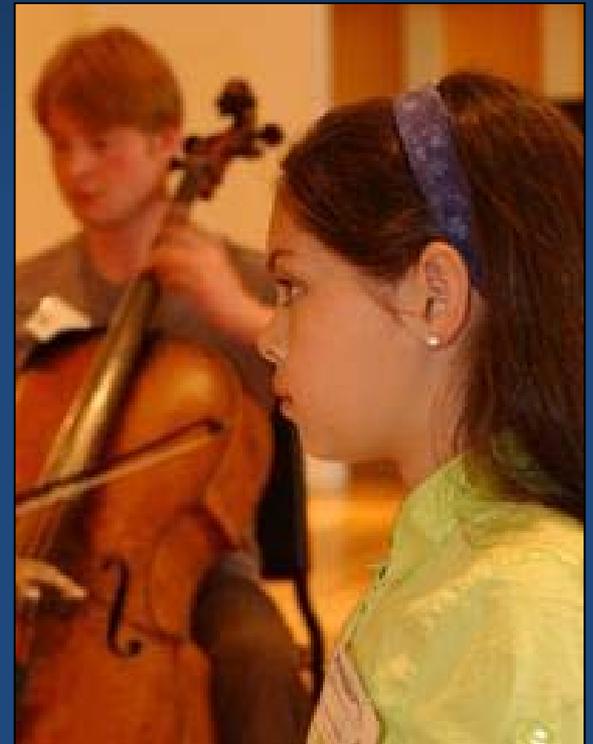
The next deadline will be in 2010.

The Arts on Radio and Television

Projects make the arts widely available through nationally distributed radio and television programs

Projects <u>must</u> have a start date after May 1, 2010

Grants range from $10,000- $200,000

2009 Deadline: September 3, 2009

About Grants.gov

- Grants.gov is an online, government-wide electronic application system.

- All applicants must complete registration.

- An easy-to-follow checklist is found at www.arts.gov.

- We advise applicants to submit applications at least 10 days <u>before</u> the deadline.

Grants.gov

Grants.gov is mandatory for all categories.

Benefits of Grants.gov:
- Receive e-mail alerts about new grant opportunities
- Check your application status and application history
- Receive e-mail updates on the status of your application
- You no longer need to send multiple paper copies

Grants.gov Help Desk: 1-800-518-4726

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Resources

Helpful Hints

- Read the NEA Grant Guidelines
- Flesh out the project
- Review previously awarded grants
- Decide appropriate category and deadline for the project
- Contact discipline specialist or director for advice
- Double-check the math on the budget
- Choose an appropriate work sample
- Make note of the earliest project start date
- Review the application checklist
- Do not send your application materials via U.S. mail
- Apply through Grants.gov and <u>register early</u>

Contact Information

www.arts.gov

Application Guidelines
Available Online

General Information:
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