



Inspiration Grant 2015

The New World School of the Arts Alumni Foundation's primary focus is to support the creative and business pursuits of NWSA alumni. We do so not only by providing funds to worthwhile alumni projects, but also by fostering a community for mentoring, networking, and internship opportunities for NWSA alumni in their chosen field. Our mission is to support the next generation of emerging artists as they further develop their talents and make their mark on the world through the arts.

Through the *Inspiration Grant* we provide financial assistance and the support of the NWSA community to alumni embarking on a creative project or an arts-related business endeavor. In return, grantees provide current NWSA students and alumni with insight into the creative process involved in the project funded by the *Inspiration Grant*.

In return for the *Inspiration Grant*, the artist will acknowledge the funding through conveyance of information and updates regarding her/his artistic process to current NWSA students (i.e., through presentation, performance, speaking engagement) and to alumni via the Foundation's social media outlets.

Total creative control of the project is reserved for the artist.

Applicant Criteria

Individuals Eligible for Funding

Applicants must be former students of the New World School of the Arts high school and/or college division (graduation from New World is not required; so long as the applicant attended the school for at least one (1) school year). Applicants must be registered with the New World School of the Arts Alumni Foundation via the Foundation's website at www.NWSAAlumni.net.

Applicants must be able to show a 50% cash match ("in kind" is also allowed) to increase the likelihood of project completion. However, if the project's total budget is less than \$2,000, then the 50% requirement is reduced to the percentage necessary to fulfill the project budget, over and above the \$1,000 amount of the *Inspiration Grant* itself.

The following are ineligible for funding:

- Current employees and board members of the New World School of the Arts
- Current employees and board members of Miami-Dade County Public Schools
- Current employees and board members of Miami Dade College
- Current employees and board members of the University of Florida
- Current members of the NWSAAF Board of Directors

- Family members of the aforementioned

Grant Awards

The Grant is awarded in the amount of \$1,000, and will be provided on or about July 1, 2015. This restricted grant may be used only for the purpose stated in the grant application. If a funded project is not implemented, grant funds must be returned to the NWSAAF. If a funded project is discontinued during the grant period, unexpended funds must be returned to the NWSAAF.

Grant funds are to be used within a period of one year from date of receipt.

Reapplying for Grant Awards

In the event the Foundation offers multiple grants over time (which the Foundation may elect to do, or not, in its sole discretion):

- No individual shall be funded two years in a row.
- Individuals who receive funding for a project may reapply after the following conditions have been met: (1) the funds granted have been spent as specified in the grant application; and (2) the individual has complied with all other conditions of the grant, including submitting the final report and participating in the final interview.
- Assuming the above conditions have been met, an individual receiving a grant beginning July 2015 would be eligible to receive another grant beginning July 2017. An individual who did not receive a grant in a funding cycle is eligible to reapply for a grant for that same project or any other project during the next grant cycle.

All Inspiration Grant Applications and accompanying materials should be submitted via email to elizabeth.gainer@ymail.com.



Inspiration Grant
Process and Schedule

1 October 2014

Announce Grant and RFP (Request for Proposals) via NWSAAF website and social media platforms.

15 October – 31 December 2014

Applications are accepted for a ten-week period beginning October 15th. Grant applications must be postmarked/emailed no later than December 31st. Grantee selections are announced the following June.

January 2015

Grant applications are reviewed for compliance and completeness. Applicants whose proposals do not meet the NWSAAF criteria will be notified by letter.

January - February 2015

Grant applications are reviewed by members of the Grant Committee. The Grant Committee will consist of 4-7 NWSAAF members. Each discipline will be represented on the judging committee. Members of the NWSAAF BOD will serve on the judging committee together with non-BOD NWSA Alumni. *Inspiration Grant* finalists are selected for interview.

Applicants not selected for interview will be eliminated from further consideration and will be notified by letter.

March - May 2015

Finalists are interviewed by the NWSAAF Grant Committee. Grant Committee interviewers present candidates to the full Grant Committee.

Grant Committee members select their final recommendation(s) for grantee award(s). The proposed slate is presented to the NWSAAF BOD at the May meeting for ratification.

June 2015

Acceptance agreement(s) is/are sent to new grantee(s). Notification letters are sent to the remaining applicants.



Inspiration Grant Application

Name:

Name of Project:

Total Project Budget: \$

NWSA Year(s) Attended:

NWSA High School or College:

NWSA Major:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Phone:

Fax:

E-mail:

Website:

Please include the following information with your Grant Application:

1. Artist's Curriculum Vitae

2. Narrative (3-page maximum)

a. Description of project

b. Project details, including:

- i. What do you hope to create and achieve?
- ii. Project Objectives: What specific things will you do to complete your project?
- iii. How will your project be accessible to the NWSA community?
- iv. Project Evaluation: How will you measure the success of your project?
- v. Assistants and Staff: Do you have assistants and/or staff for your project? What are the qualifications of these individuals?
- vi. Project Funding: What other sources of funding do you currently have for your projects? What other sources of funding are you seeking for your project?
- vii. Partnerships: Have you partnered or do you plan to partner with another individual and/or organization to carry out your proposed project? If so, please describe the partnership arrangement.

- viii. Timeline: What is the projected timeline for completion of your project?
- c. Artist Information: How will the experience described in section 1 above help you to bring this project to fruition?

Required Attachments:

1. Project budget (income and expenses) including all committed and anticipated funding for the project. The project budget should be aligned with the project details.
2. Letter of agreement from partner individual(s) or organization(s) to participate in proposed project, if applicable.

Optional Attachment:

A one minute video about your proposed project. *All videos submitted to the NWSAAF will become property of NWSAAF and may be used for promotional purposes to forward the mission of NWSAAF.*

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Signature: _____