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-NAC Grants open for 24-25 School Year -



Are you an educator who is looking to bring the arts to your students? Then check out our **Artists in Schools/Communities Sponsor Grants!**

AiS/C grants provide funds to hire artists from Nebraska Arts Council's Artist Roster to lead interactive sessions conducted online or in-person.

In these sessions, artists share their expertise through creative and educational demonstrations, performances, or guided arts activities. Sponsors can hire an artist for school or community visits consisting of three sessions or a residency consisting of 10 or more sessions.

Wanting to take your students to the arts? Then apply for a **School Bus for the Arts Grant!**

This program provides grants for students from kindergarten to 12th grade to underwrite the cost of field trips to attend professional arts

exhibits at museums or other venues.

Field trips may also include learning opportunities such as theatre workshops led by professional artists. Allowable expenses include transportation, admission fees, and associated workshop fees, if applicable.

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-Poetry Out Loud State Championship -



Elizabeth Buescher, a junior at Marian High School in Omaha, was named the 2024 Poetry Out Loud Nebraska State Champion. Elizabeth was one of six students from high schools across the state who competed for the title on Saturday, March 9, at the Sheldon Museum of Art in Lincoln.

and Cane Livingston from Sumnerland Public School in Ewing was named second runner-up. The event featured special guest presenter, Maria Corpuz, and Emcee, Nebraska State Poet Matt Mason.

High Schools can now register for the 2024-2025 Poetry Out Loud program

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-POL State Champ Competes Nationally-



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Nebraska Poetry Out Loud state champion Elizabeth Buescher represented our state in the National Semi-Final competition in

and territories who competed for the national title.

Elizabeth performed two poems for her recitation: *Drowning in Wheat* by Meg Day, and *August 12 in the Nebraska Sand Hills Watching the Perseids Meteor Shower* by former Nebraska State Poet, Twyla Hansen.

As state champion, Elizabeth received a \$200 cash award and a free trip to Washington. Her school, Marian High School in Omaha, also received \$500 toward the purchase of poetry materials.

The events were live streamed as a one-time only webcast.

-Arts and Social Cohesion Research-



In these post-pandemic times, the need for social cohesion and community well-being has never been greater. Studies increasingly show

bring people closer together.

A research project, which included artists, health experts, and researchers, worked on a project about how society, art, and health are connected. Their results were compiled in a detailed report titled *WE-Making: How Arts & Culture Unite People to Work Toward Community Well-Being*. This report is the main result of their work and talks about how art and culture can bring people together to improve the well-being of their community.

Click the button below for more information and the findings of the study.

[Click here to learn more](#)

-NebraskARTS Awards-



school districts that have supported and encouraged achievement in the media arts, visual arts, dance, music, or theatre.

We encourage you to fill in an application to celebrate a Nebraska school or school district with a strong commitment to arts education.

The deadline will be Friday, October 18, 2024.

[Click here to learn more](#)

-News from NDE-



Standards Revision Timeline

The Nebraska Department of Education's Offices of Teaching, Learning, and Assessment and Career, Technical, and Adult Education, along with a variety of stakeholders, prepare academic content standards and present them to the elected Nebraska State Board of Education for adoption.

The Content Area Standards Revision Timeline has recently been updated. At this time, Fine Arts subjects of media arts, visual arts, dance, music, and theatre, will begin standards review in 2025. Be sure to watch

Click the button below to access the Standards Revision Timeline.

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-NDE Arts Education Mailing List-



Register for the NDE Arts Education mailing list to stay up to date on arts education from the Nebraska Department of Education.

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-National Memorial Day Parade 2025-



The American Veterans Center is seeking high school bands for the 2025 National Memorial Day Parade in Washington, D.C.

Bands selected will travel to D.C. for the parade to represent the state of Nebraska. You can send nominations for schools by submitting a form provided by the link below

Please send nominations by June 7th, 2024.

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