

## NAEF IS CELEBRATING ITS 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR!

### NAEF: A Nonprofit Worth Knowing – Here's Why

Founded 40 years ago in 1985 by visionary NAEA members, the National Art Education Foundation (NAEF) continues to support the professional growth of NAEA members as it celebrates its 40th anniversary. The NAEF Board of Trustees, made up entirely of NAEA members from diverse backgrounds and experiences in art education, oversees its impactful initiatives. NAEF offers five unique grant opportunities to NAEA members, with donations coming from members like you. We invite you to consider contributing to NAEF, particularly during this milestone anniversary year. Donations to the National Art Education Foundation are tax-deductible.

### Overview of the National Art Education Foundation Grants and Grant Cycle

NAEF is a nonprofit organization that specifically provides grants to NAEA members. As such, other nonprofits and organizations cannot apply for our grants. As a NAEA member, you can submit a proposal for consideration. **Our annual grant cycle begins in late August when grant proposals for the year become available. NAEF grant proposals are then due by October 1.**

The NAEF Board of Trustees review all the proposals during late fall and into winter. The following spring at the annual NAEA Convention, the Trustees hold a board meeting and approve the selected grants for funding.

Recipients of the NAEF grants are notified on June 1 and beginning on July 1, with the proper paperwork completed and submitted, they can request their funding. The actual grant period runs from July 1 to June 30. A final report is submitted to NAEF at the completion of the grant.

**Halvorsen** = Do you want **professional development** that will support your learning goals?

**McMullan** = Do you have a **new curriculum project** that will improve **your** teaching?

**SHIP** = Are you seeking **art equipment** or **instructional resources**?

**Teacher Incentive** = Are you conducting **classroom-based, action research**?

**Research** = Are you engaged in **scholarly research**?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, you might consider applying for a NAEF grant.

#### **Ruth Halvorsen Professional Development Grants** (up to \$3,000):

Annual scholarships are awarded to selected art educators whose proposals focus on understanding, implementation, and issues specifically relating to the National Visual Arts Standards and support the improvement of the teaching of art.

#### **Mary McMullan Grants** (up to \$3,000):

Annual grants are awarded to selected art educators to establish and/or improve the instruction of art in public and private elementary and secondary schools as well as schools of higher education in the U.S. The following areas of classroom-based action research will be considered for funding: 1) Curriculum Models, 2) Pilot Projects, and 3) Policy Models.

#### **NAEF Research Grants** (up to \$10,500):

Annual grants are awarded to art educators whose proposals focus on the themes and ideas for research identified in this document. NAEF encourages the submissions of proposals to conduct research that investigates the impact and importance of arts education in student learning and provides hard data to support the findings of the research.

**SHIP Grants** (up to \$1000) :Annual grants are awarded to selected art educators whose proposals seek art equipment to enable the art educator to improve the teaching of art and which are used to focus on student learning specifically related to the National Visual Arts Standards.

**Teacher Incentive Grants** (up to \$3,000):

Annual grants are awarded to art educators whose proposals support projects that promote the improvement of the teaching of art. Teaching of art includes, but is not limited to, classroom-based action research in the following areas: the instructional process; curriculum; student learning; student assessment; classroom behavior, management, or discipline; or other practices relating to instructional interaction and the achievement of student learning.

**More detailed information about how to submit a proposal for one of these grants will be available in mid-August 2025 on the NAEF website when the next NAEF grant cycle opens.**

<https://www.arteducators.org/opportunities/national-art-education-foundation>

**Eligibility:** The NAEF Grant Program is **open to NAEA members with at least one year of continuous membership prior to application.** For the October 1, 2025 deadline, applicants must have been members since October 2024, with no lapses in membership. State/province associations and NAEA-recognized special issues groups are also eligible to apply.

NAEA members cannot apply on behalf of the nonprofit organization or institution where they work.

### National Art Education Foundation Grants Program Calendar

<b>Annual Guidelines Posted on NAEF website</b>	On or before <b>August 15</b>
Application deadline	<b>October 1 (11:59 pm ET)</b>
Application review process by NAEF Trustees	<b>October – March</b>
NAEF Trustees Annual Meeting - recommendations regarding grant applications	<b>March or April</b> during NAEA Convention
Notification Regarding Awards (funded and not funded)	<b>June 1</b>
Project Begin/End	<b>July 1 – June 30</b>
Funding Released	<b>Upon request on or after July 1</b> after meeting requirements for release of funds provided in award letter
Final Report Due	<b>Within 30 days of project completion</b>

### Questions about the NAEF Grants Program?

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