



## **ESA Foundation Art Spark Grant**

### **Purpose**

The “Art Spark” grant is being initiated to inspire creativity among artists involved in the fine arts or those involved in teaching creativity or fine arts (not limited to art teachers).

### **Goal**

To utilize the inherently creative properties of the arts to assist individuals develop their powers of expression in ways that will enhance their ability to communicate effectively with a larger world.

**Criteria:** The grant specifies five areas that qualify for eligibility:

1. Artists or art programs that need a small grant to pay for the production, publication or exhibition of their works.
2. Artists or teachers who need art supplies or additional tools to support the completion of their creative works or to enhance creative opportunities for their students.
3. Artists or teachers who are working with geriatric/hospice support programs involving painting, sculpting, writing or music to benefit the lives of their patients.
4. Artists or teachers or artists who are developing creative programs or projects that use elements of the fine arts to benefit returning military personnel.
5. Teachers or artists who need “micro-grants” to develop artistic and creative programs to meet the special needs of developmentally delayed children.

**To meet the criteria for the “Art Spark” grant, applicants must illustrate how their request qualifies for one of the categories listed above. This illustration should be clearly stated in the personal statement that accompanies their application.**

### **How to Apply for the Art Spark Grant**

1. Applications will be accepted by the ESA Foundation Grant Chairman and will be considered and acted upon when received. Grants will be given as funds are available and be limited to \$1,000.

2. Applications must be submitted on the current Art Spark Application form to include a description of the request.
3. The money must be used within one year.
4. Please return the Grant Follow-Up form as it helps us to evaluate our program.

**General Policy –Limitations**

1. No checks will be issued directly to individual applicants, but will be sent only to the 501c3 organization or facilities that sponsor the exhibition or programs that are being utilized by the applicant.
2. The Grant does not cover personal expenses for food or travel.
3. Currently, this Grant is not available for out of Country applicants.



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### Art Spark Grant Application

(Please print or type)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

How did you learn about this Grant? \_\_\_\_\_

I am applying for an ESA Foundation Art Spark Grant in the following area:

\_\_\_\_\_ **Production, publication or exhibition of artistic work**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Art supplies or additional tools to support the completion of creative works/creative enhancement for students**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Geriatric or hospice patient work that involves the fine arts of painting, sculpting, writing, or music**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Artistic/creative programs using fine arts to benefit returning military personnel**

\_\_\_\_\_ **"Micro-grants" to develop artistic and creative programs to meet special needs of developmentally delayed children**

**Provide two references who have knowledge of your plans for this grant request: one reference must be associated with the work of the request; one reference must be a character reference from a non-relative. Acceptable references include work on former employers or associates who are familiar with your work.**

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
Personal Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**On a separate page, please write a short summary (approximately one page) stating how you intend to use the grant money and reasons for applying.**

**Please include an overview of your experiences as an artist, teacher or art advocate, along with an explanation of how and why your application meets the objectives of the grant criteria. Also, provide a breakdown for the approximate cost for your work using an itemized list.**

Attach the report to this application with your signature.

Please submit this form and summary statement to the ESA Foundation Grant Chairman.

Obtain the current name of the chairman on the ESA Foundation's Website:

[www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/scholarships-and-grants/grants](http://www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/scholarships-and-grants/grants)



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**Follow-Up Report**

Please complete this form and return it to the ESA Foundation Grant Chairman.  
Please describe how the Grant was used and comment on how the Grant benefitted you and others.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Personal Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

May we have your permission to share your comments and pictures with our membership?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Your signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send to the ESA Foundation Grant Chairman whose contact information is listed on the  
ESA Foundation's Website: [www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/scholarships-and-grants/grants](http://www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/scholarships-and-grants/grants)