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Applications Now Available for Professional Development Grants for Artists

[Raleigh, N.C.] – Local artists interested in applying for up to \$1,500 in grant money are invited to apply for a Professional Development Grant for Artists, sponsored by United Arts Council of Raleigh and Wake County. Professional development grants are offered to artists in Warren, Franklin, Johnston, Vance and Wake counties, age 18 or older, and not enrolled in a degree program.

Grants provides financial support to committed, gifted individual artists and small, unincorporated groups of collaborating artists. The grant is designed to support projects that will advance the applicant’s career in demonstrable ways. The grant is open to emerging and established artists in dance, drama, film/media, literary/playwright, music and visual art.

Previous grantees have received funds for the following projects:

- a new lens for a photographer,
- a new laptop for a writer,
- the production of a dance performance,
- to attend workshops and residencies,
- to travel overseas to study with a specific teacher or group, and
- studio time to make a musical recording.

“We really want artists to feel encouraged to apply,” says Brandi Neuwirth, art coordinator for United Arts. “We are able to support artists through the application process and provide feedback at any step.”

A workshop will be held this Saturday, February 18, at United Arts' office (410 Glenwood Ave. Raleigh). It is designed to demystify the application process for these grants.

All application materials must be submitted online by 5:00 PM on Friday, March 31, 2017. No paper copies are required.

See [our web site](#) for a list of recently funded projects, eligibility requirements, and instructions for applying.

For more information about Professional Development Grants for Artists, contact Brandi Neuwirth at bneuwirth@unitedarts.org or (919) 839-1498, ext. 205.

The United Arts Council of Raleigh and Wake County, based in Raleigh, NC, was incorporated in 1990. Our mission is to build better communities through the support and advocacy of the arts. For the 2016/17 school year United Arts is helping bring in teaching artists to 137 schools in Wake County through its Artists in Schools program. The United Arts Council also offers grants to organizations, communities and individual artists and provides services to the community such as advocacy, resource development, professional/leadership development and special projects. The grants, programs and services of United Arts reach over 1.2 million people annually in Wake County.

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