



Durham Arts Council, Inc.
120 Morris Street
Durham, NC 27701-3242
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Emerging Artists Grant Program

Questions & Answers, 2007-2008

Deadline: Monday, September 10, 2007, 9 p.m.

This is not a postmark date. All applications must be delivered to:
Durham Arts Council, 120 Morris Street in downtown Durham by this date.

What is an emerging artist?

An emerging artist is an artist that has mastered the basic techniques in her/his art form and who is attempting to launch a professional career in the arts or an artist taking his/her established career in a new direction. An artist is not required to have any particular degree or type of education to qualify as an emerging artist.

What is the Emerging Artists Program?

The Emerging Artists Program (EAP) is a project grant program that provides financial support to developing or established professionals by funding a project pivotal to the advancement of their careers as artists. Pivotal projects may happen at different stages of a career, therefore Emerging Artists Grants are not restricted to "unestablished" artists. 2007-2008 Emerging Artists Grants are intended to fund a particular project that will conclude by September 30, 2008. The Emerging Artists Program begins its 24th year in 2007-2008.

Who is eligible to apply for a grant?

Artists practicing any art form are eligible to apply for a grant. Applicants must have resided in Chatham, Durham, Granville, Orange, or Person Counties for at least one year immediately prior to the application deadline (since September 10, 2006). Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and cannot be currently enrolled in a degree or certificate program in their art form at the time of the **application deadline**. Applications for grants are available at the DAC Web site, www.durhamarts.org or from the Arts Council/Commission for each county. Recipients of 2006-2007 Emerging Artists Grants may not apply for a 2007-2008 grant.

What is the deadline for submitting applications?

Applications are due at the Durham Arts Council Building by 9 p.m., Monday, September 10, 2007. All portions of the application must be submitted by this date, although letters of support, should you choose to submit them, may arrive by Friday, September 21, 2007. **Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.**

Who decides which artists receive awards?

Grant applications and support materials are reviewed by local professional artists in each art form, their comments are then forwarded to the EAP Committee who reviews applications, recommendations and then makes the final award decisions for all EAP grant applications.

Who funds the Program?

The Emerging Artists Program is funded through grants from the North Carolina Arts Council, an agency funded by the State of North Carolina and the National Endowment for the Arts, The Mary Duke Biddle Foundation, the Orange County Arts Commission, the Chatham County Arts Council, the Granville Arts Council, the Person County Arts Council, gifts to the Durham Arts Council Annual Arts Fund, the Ella Fountain Pratt Fund, The Wainwright Fund for New Works and private & corporate donations.

What type of projects are likely to be funded?

The Emerging Artists Grant Committee is interested in assisting the development of an artist's career as is appropriate to the particular artist's needs, so be sure to define clearly the relationship of your project to your career development. In the past, grant awards have provided funds for the following types of expenses:

- 1) **Promotion/Presentation:** *the cost of producing a demonstration audio tape or CD for a composer, a video tape or DVD for a choreographer, a portfolio for a graphic artist, editorial assistance for a writer, etc.*
- 2) **Travel:** *to specific workshops, auditions, retreats or seminars; or to do research intrinsic to his/her art form.*
- 3) **Services:** *rental of equipment or facilities for presentation or creation of a new work.*
- 4) **Supplies:** *purchase of supplies, materials or equipment necessary for the completion or production of a new work which is considered by the artist to be essential to her/his career.*
- 5) **Training:** *advanced workshops, master classes or coaching that will enhance the artist's abilities. This program does not support work towards a degree.*

Can I get assistance in filling out the grant application?

Yes, Durham Arts Council and partner counties will offer information sessions to explain the program and answer any questions you may have about completing the grant application. These sessions are free, although we would appreciate your calling the appropriate contact number so we know how many people to expect. You need not attend the session in your own county - attend the session that is most convenient for you, regardless of which county you live in. We expect each to last 60-90 minutes.

August 1, 2007 - 6:00 p.m. (Wednesday)

Multi-purpose Rm., Bldg. 2, 764 West Street,
Central Carolina Community College, Pittsboro
Contact: Molly Matlock, Chatham County Arts Council, 919-542-0394.

August 2, 2007 - 6:00 p.m. (Thursday)

Duke Power Rm., Durham Arts Council, 120 Morris St., Durham
Contact: Margaret DeMott, DAC Director of Artist Services, 919-560-2720.

August 6, 2007 - 6:00 p.m. (Monday)

The Kirby Gallery, 213 North Main Street, Roxboro
Contact: Doug Newell, Person County Arts Council Director, 336-597-1766

August 7, 2007 - 6:00 p.m. (Tuesday)

Meeting Room, Chapel Hill Public Library, 100 Library Dr., Chapel Hill
Contact: Martha Shannon, Orange County Arts Commission Director, 919-245-2335.

What selection criteria will be used?

1. Overall excellence of the applicant's art work and demonstration of exceptional talent,
2. The applicant's serious professional commitment to her/his art form,
3. Contribution of the proposed project to the artist's professional development,
4. Feasibility of the proposed project,
5. Timeline—project should happen between January 1 and September 30 of 2008, though extensions will be considered.

How much money can I expect to be granted?

While no specific minimum has been established, the maximum amount an applicant can request is \$1,500. We generally try to support full funding of the requested amount.

Will I be required to provide a final report of my use of the grant?

Yes, we require both a financial and narrative report. A report form will be sent to those receiving awards. Future awards will be contingent upon the submission of a final report.

Where can I get more information and/or an application for the Emerging Artists Program?

Applications may be downloaded from the Durham Arts Council website at www.durhamarts.org after July 1, 2007. Information and applications may also be requested or picked up at any of the five partner county locations.

Below is contact information for the five partner counties:

Chatham County Arts Council

PO Box 418
Pittsboro, NC 27312
Molly Matlock
molly.matlock@chathamarts.org
919-542-0394

Orange County Arts Commission

110 E. King Street/ PO Box 1177
Hillsborough, NC 27278
Martha Shannon, Director
mshannon@co.orange.nc.us
919-245-2335

Durham Arts Council

120 Morris Street
Durham, NC 27701
Margaret DeMott,
Director of Artist Services
mdemott@durhamarts.org
919-560-2720

Person County Arts Council

213 N. Main Street
Roxboro, NC 27573
Douglas Newell, Director
dnewell@personcounty.net
336-597-1766

Granville Arts Council

PO Box 1288
Oxford, NC 27565
Elaine McKelly, Board Member
granvilleartscouncil@yahoo.com

Applications will be available at the front desk of the Durham Arts Council Building by July 1, 2007. Building hours are 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Monday-Saturday and 1-6 p.m. on Sunday.

For further information contact Ella Fountain Pratt, Director of the Emerging Artists Program care of Margaret DeMott, Director of Artist Services, at 919-560-2720 or email mdemott@durhamarts.org.

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at the Durham Arts Council Building, 120 Morris Street, Durham.**

Do not drop applications off at any other location.

We do not accept late or incomplete applications.

**We do not accept applications by fax, email, diskette or other electronic means.
Remember to sign and initial the Application Checklist / Cover Page.**

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Emerging Artists Application Checklist / Cover Page*

*This document is required as part of the completed application. Use this document as the cover sheet to your application.

Applicant Name: _____

Category to be judged: _____

To complete your application, submit the following items on the checklist provided below and initial beside each item. **Be sure to sign the Certification below and use this page as your application cover page. Remember: Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted. The deadline for all applications is Monday, September 10, 2007, 9 p.m. at the Durham Arts Council building, 120 Morris Street, downtown Durham.**

Your complete application packet must include this completed page and:

- ___ 6 copies of application form (Pages 1-3 including original signatures),
- ___ 6 copies of project budget (including income and expense),
- ___ 6 copies of applicant's resume,
- ___ Documentation of your art form (as specified on page 4 of the application),

Collate and Staple: Application pages 1-3, budget and resume, and include documentation in your packet.

These items may be computer generated, legibly handwritten or typed.

If you would like us to mail your support materials back, please include:

- ___ 1 self addressed stamped envelope with adequate postage.

We prefer to receive applications stapled - do not use binders.

We anticipate notifying applicants of the decisions by the end of November 2007.

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11. Certification: The information contained in this application, including all attachments and supporting materials, is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I certify that I meet all eligibility requirements for this program. I also understand that, though all appropriate care will be taken of tapes, slides or other materials submitted to support this application, the Emerging Artists Program cannot be responsible for possible damage to these materials. Further, I understand that if I receive an Emerging Artists Grant the Emerging Artists Committee will require a final report of the project funded at its conclusion. I agree to submit a final report by September 30, 2008.

May we share your application with other potential funding sources? yes no
(Your answer to this question will not affect the consideration of your proposal for an Emerging Artists Grant.)

Signature of Applicant

Typed/Printed Name of Applicant

Date



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1. Applicant Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____, NC Zip: _____

County of Residence: _____

Phone:(day) _____ (evening) _____

Email address: _____ Website: _____

2. Have you been a resident of the above county for at least one year?

yes

no

3. Category in which this application should be judged (please check only one):

dance drama film/video craft photography music

prints, mixed media literature painting/drawing sculpture installation

4. Grant amount requested: \$ _____ (request may not exceed \$1,500)

5. Summarize your project in 50 words or less in the space provided (please print clearly).

6. Explain briefly why you consider yourself an emerging artist.

(see guidelines for a definition of emerging artists)

7. Briefly describe your career goals.

8. Project Narrative:

In the first paragraph describe your proposed project. In the second paragraph describe this project's impact on your career goals. (Your proposed project should take place between January 1 and September 30 of 2008.)

9. Date for project completion: _____

If completion date is later than September 30, 2008, please explain:

10. Attachments to Application Form:

Please submit 6 collated copies of your application and the following attachments. Do not use binders or oversized folders.

PROJECT BUDGET: Six copies of the budget for your project. Itemize projected expenses and proposed sources of income, including this grant. See below for examples of project budgets.

RESUME: Six copies of a resume which includes education, employment, exhibitions, performances, publications, commissions, and honors.

REFERENCES (OPTIONAL): your application may be supported by up to three letters of recommendation. Please list the anticipated references in your application. Letters should be addressed to the Emerging Artists Committee, Durham Arts Council, 120 Morris Street, Durham, NC 27701 and be received no later than Friday, September 21, 2007. Letters of recommendation are not required and we only need one copy of each, if you choose to submit them.

DOCUMENTATION: You must submit materials documenting art that you have completed *in the last three years*.

For painting/drawing, photography, craft, sculpture and installation: up to 10 images in slide, CD (jpeg format, 980 pixels by 1080 pixels) or, photographic format, dvd, or video tape 3-5 minutes in length (standard size VHS tape)

For film/video: DVD or video tape 3-5 minutes in length (standard size VHS tape)

For dance: DVD or video tape 3-5 minutes in length (standard size VHS tape)

For drama: DVD or video tape 3-5 minutes in length (standard size VHS tape)

For music: CD or audio tape 3-5 minutes in length

For literature: Six (6) copies of a CD containing up to 12 pages of manuscript - OR- Six (6) hardcopies of up to 12 pages of manuscript.

YOU SHOULD LABEL ALL DOCUMENTATION WITH YOUR NAME, TITLE OF WORK, DATE OF WORK. LABELS FOR SLIDES/PHOTOGRAPHS OF VISUAL ARTS SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE DIMENSIONS AND MEDIA OF WORK AND INDICATE TOP OF IMAGE. In addition you may also submit reviews, programs, catalogues.

SELF ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE: if you wish us to return your documentation materials include a self addressed envelope of the appropriate size and with adequate postage to mail your materials. **If you do not include such an envelope you may pick up your materials during a specified time following the notification process. After that time the materials will be discarded.**

Two Examples of Budget

Project Budget for Joanne Writer's 2007-2008 Emerging Artists Grant Application to attend a conference.

EXPENSE

Travel	750
Food/Lodging	500
Conference Registration	500
Supplies (5 copies of manuscript for critique sessions)	60
Total Expense	\$1,810

INCOME

DAC EAP Grant Request	1,500
Personal Funds	310
Total Income	\$1,810

Project Budget for Joseph Dancer's 2007-2008 Emerging Artists Grant Application to present a performance of his choreography.

EXPENSE

Theatre Rental	500
Technical Personnel (includes lighting & sound designers)	1000
Costume design and production	550
Dancers (4 @ \$250 each)	1000
Publicity (paid ads in 2 papers, posters)	800
Total Expense	\$3,850

INCOME

DAC EAP Grant Request	1,500	(In this instance applicant is projecting income from the project.)
Ticket Sales (100 @ \$10 each)	1,000	
Personal funds	1,350	
Total Income	\$3,850	