



# Individual Grants in the Arts Application Form 2017

I am applying in the category of:

- Dance**     **Drama**     **Music**     **Visual Arts**

My medium/instrument is: \_\_\_\_\_  
(i.e., Ballet, Musical Theatre, Violin, Voice, Drawing, Animation, etc.)

**DEADLINE THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2017**

**Be sure to complete all items on all 3 pages of the application.  
Email address required. All notifications will be sent electronically.**

## A. CONTACT INFORMATION

_____ Name	_____ Date of Birth	_____ Age	_____ Last 4 digits of SS#
_____ Mailing Address	_____ City	_____ Zip	
_____ Residence Address, if different	_____ City	_____ Zip	
_____ Phone (Cell)	_____ (Home/Landline)	_____ e-mail Address (mandatory)	
Tell us how else we can reach you and list address: <input type="checkbox"/> Text <input type="checkbox"/> FaceBook Messenger <input type="checkbox"/> Other			

## B. RESIDENCY / ELIGIBILITY Please check one:

- I resided in northern Santa Barbara County for at least 2 years, dating from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
My home address during that time was \_\_\_\_\_

**-OR-**

- I successfully completed these 4 classes, over a two-year period, in either dance, drama, music, or the visual arts, in the Santa Maria area. (Public and private schools, youth arts programs at Allan Hancock College, Santa Maria Recreation & Parks Department, and local private teachers all qualify.)

Course	School or Instructor	Semester/Year
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1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____

## C. PROFESSIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS To be filed electronically by the recommender to [grants@smartscouncil.org](mailto:grants@smartscouncil.org)

To establish my proficiency in the arts and my sincerity as an applicant, I have asked the following three professionals to submit completed recommendation forms.

Name	Position or Title	Email Address
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1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____

Please Type or Print LEGIBLY in black ink. Be concise and answer each question in 250 words or less.

**D. WHAT IS YOUR ARTISTIC TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE?**

**E. WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 5 YEARS AND HOW DO YOU PLAN TO GET THERE?**

**F. HOW WOULD YOU SPEND THIS GRANT?**

## G. AMATEUR STATUS

1. Current Education / Degrees Completed:     High School     Some college     AA     BA     MA
2. How much average annual income have you generated from your artistic work in the last 2 years? Please explain.
3. Have you ever been accepted into a national society or professional show related to your art? Yes  No   
If yes, please list. Visual artists, also list any galleries or shows where you have shown your work in the last 2 years.

## H. AGREEMENT & SIGNATURE

1. I hereby agree to hold the Santa Maria Arts Council, its officers, members, and all others involved in the program harmless from any liability that may result from my participation in this competition.
2. I understand that this grant may only be used for the purposes stated, and that I will be required to participate in the Grants Showcase awards presentation on May 15, 2017, and to perform at an Arts Council event such as the Grants Showcase or Autumn Arts within the next five years.
3. I certify that I hold a valid SS#, work permit, Green Card, or other proof of legal residency, and understand that any awards not claimed within one (1) year of the Grants Showcase will revert to the Santa Maria Arts Council, Inc. Grants Fund.

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Signature of Applicant OR Signature of parent if applicant is under age 18

Date

## APPLICATION CHECKLIST

**All materials must be RECEIVED electronically by Thursday, March 16**

- The completed application
- Recommendation forms filed by three (3) mentors
- Performing Artists only: One current head shot (passport size or larger), last name on the file, at least 72dpi jpg
- Performing Artists only: Note *unavoidable* morning or afternoon audition time constraints for Saturday, April 8

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Visual Artists only: Upload 6-10 digital images of your work for prescreening; if video or animation.

**File applications by the deadline to [grants@smartscouncil.org](mailto:grants@smartscouncil.org)**



SANTA MARIA  
ARTS COUNCIL



## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Applications must be **received** by Thursday, March 16.
2. Provide accurate contact information, including a mandatory email address. All notifications will be made electronically.
3. ~~Recommendations from three hree (3) (3) teachers teachers or or mentors mentors~~ **are are required required** to to complete complete your your application, application, to to be be fi led led electronically by the deadline. The Arts Council will not give copies of recommendations to applicants; you should arrange that with your mentors. Judges give priority consideration to recommendations from arts professionals (faculty, choreographers, directors, music teachers, etc.).
4. Performing artists: Upload a current head shot (passport size or larger) with your name on the fi le. JPEG, 72 – 150 dpi  
Visual artists: Upload 6-10 digital images of work you will present in the competition. For video or animation  
Send no resumés or other materials. Only the application form and recommendations will be considered by the judges.
5. You may apply in one (1) category per competition cycle, and may compete for the Grants Awards a lifetime total of three (3) times.
6. First place winners are ineligible in the following Grants cycle and must skip a year before competing again. If a First Award was split between two people, you do not have to skip a year. Second place winners are eligible to compete in the following Grants cycle.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Drama, Dance, and Music auditions will take place beginning at 9:45AM on Saturday, April 8, at Allan Hancock College, Santa Maria Campus. The audition notification will give exact details about the time, location, content, and duration of auditions. ***Unavoidable morning or afternoon time constraints for performers should be noted on the checklist portion on page 3 of the application to help with scheduling auditions.***
2. Visual arts competitors will set up their displays the afternoon of Friday, April 7, and will return the afternoon of judging to retrieve work. The audition notification will give precise guidelines for visual arts presentations.
3. All work presented must be original, or credit must be given for choreography, scoring, mechanical reproduction, or copies made from other works of art.
4. Auditions are closed. No family members or guests allowed.
5. Audition Music: Performers must provide their own recorded music and player for auditions.
6. Judges may vacate a category at their discretion.
7. Award recipients must provide Social Security/Work Permit/Green Card information so the Arts Council may issue an IRS Form 1099.
8. Recipients will become eligible for the grants only **after** participating in the Grants Showcase on Monday, May 15, at the Veterans Memorial Cultural Center, 313 W. Tunnell Street in Santa Maria.
9. Use and conditions of the grants: Grants are to be used for future expenses, and may not be used to pay off student loans or past debt. They are intended to support artistic development by covering expenses such as tuition, public transportation to school, private lessons, or the purchase of instruments, tools, equipment, and supplies. Grant recipients have one year to spend the grant monies, and are asked to send the council a brief summary with photos showing how the grant assisted you in your art.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION visit us online at [www.smartsCouncil.org](http://www.smartsCouncil.org)

Audition guidelines, photos of visual arts displays, and other information for performing and visual artists are available online.  
Email questions to: [grants@smartsCouncil.org](mailto:grants@smartsCouncil.org)

**If you submit an application but don't receive audition information by March 28, immediately contact Ms. Kate Burrige at 805/459.1503 • email: [kate@robertburrige.com](mailto:kate@robertburrige.com)**