

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS for Teaching Artists

The Arts Council of Fayetteville/Cumberland County financially supports a roster of Teaching Artists for our Artists In Schools Program (AIS). Through the Matching Subsidy and Arts For All Allocation strategies, Teaching Artists provide access to workshops, assemblies, residencies, field trips, and virtual engagements for elementary, middle, and high school students in Cumberland County. The Arts Council encourages applications from local and regional Teaching Artists with innovative, cross-curricular programming for students that also align with teaching curriculum standards.

Activities

Selected Teaching Artists will be listed on the Arts Council of Fayetteville | Cumberland County Artists In Schools roster for the 2025-2026 school year. Teaching Artists can offer five types of engagements:

- **Assembly Performance(s)**, where Teaching Artists perform for a large group of students, encouraging interaction between classrooms or even throughout grade levels.
- **Workshop(s)**, which includes hands-on engagement for a small group of students.
- **Field Trip(s)**, where schools bring students to cultural agencies in Cumberland County.
- **Residency**, which allows students to work with a single artist or group over the course of 3, 4, or 5 days.
- **Virtual Class**, to engage through various digital platforms to offer instructional time for schools using a digital learning environment with minimal physical interaction.

School staff apply through an online application and receive funds to supplement or fully cover the cost of a Teaching Artist engagement. AIS applications are typically open August 15-December 15, and school staff are invited to book Teaching Artists September-May.

Application Process:

Applications must include:

- Teaching Artist resume with contact information for two professional references.
- 1-page Teaching statement.
- Work sample (links to YouTube/streaming service or digital storage platform).
- Teaching materials (PDF or presentation upload of a sample program).

Applications are submitted digitally to the Arts Council at KashiaK@theartscouncil.com.

To be considered for the 2025-2026 school year, all materials must be received no later than **May 16, 2025**.

Application materials for Teaching Artists will be reviewed by Arts Council Staff and representatives of Cumberland County Schools (NC). Evaluation is based on Teaching Excellence and Artistic Merit.

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