



Utah PTA Arts Education Grant

What is the Utah PTA Arts Education Grant?

It is a fund that supports local PTA efforts for arts education activities in their school. Funds are granted one dollar for each dollar (1:1) contributed by the local PTA unit, up to \$500 from Utah PTA.

Who is eligible to apply for Utah PTA Arts Education Grant?

Any local PTA/PTSA with bylaws and membership in good standing.

What may the grant be used for?

- The creation or enhancement of an existing arts program or project.
 - Art program supplies, musical scores, musical instruments, theatre rights, theatrical props and costuming, etc.
- Experience to support student performances and productions.
- Any other art program needs. You are only limited by your imagination.

How do we apply?

Fill out and submit a Utah PTA Arts Education grant application. Application may be found in the Utah PTA handbook or the Utah PTA web site.

When is it due?

Applications are due on February 1.

Who awards the funding?

The Utah PTA Arts Education Grant Committee comprised of parents, educators and community leaders award the grants.

When will the funds be awarded?

Funds will be available July 1st for the upcoming fiscal year.

What else is required?

- The arts program must be developed and facilitated by the PTA in cooperation with the school administration.
- PTAs must submit a final report form as soon as the arts program is finished or no later than June 1.

Throughout its history, Utah PTA has supported and promoted arts education in Utah public schools. In 2002 Utah PTA approached Eric Dowdle, a local artist, and asked him to paint



a work specifically for Utah PTA. The vision of Eric and key individuals in Utah PTA grew to include the dream to provide funds accessible for PTA schools for quality PTA-sponsored art programs. With the assistance of Eric and the Utah Arts

Council (UAC), the Utah PTA Arts Education Grant Fund was established. It is the hope of Utah PTA that the arts education fund will continue to grow as other individuals and organizations contribute their support.

IDEAS for ARTS EDUCATION GRANTS

- A dance instructor coming to instruct and teach children areas of dance.
- A bookmaking artist teaching children the art of bookmaking and making their own book.
- Learn the skills of poetry and carry out a poetry contest either in writing or out loud.
- Invite film makers to give instruction on how film is made. Have a film festival.
- Visual artists can teach skills to create a school project. (i.e. Mural of students art)
- Have cultural groups come and teach their culture through art, dance and music.
- Have students write stories that can be carried out on stage or a puppet play.
- Have storytellers come and share their expertise. Students can write stories and do the same.
- Invite music artists to share their music. Have students create musical instruments.
- Create comic or cartoon stories of issues facing children today.

WHY IS ARTS EDUCATION IMPORTANT FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH?

On-going research about arts education for children and youth speaks to the benefits of arts learning:

WHY the Arts change the Learning Experience:

- * Research suggests that arts learning and integration help develop key cognitive skills needed for academic, social and emotional success
- * Through art-integrated literacy instruction, students find reading and writing more meaningful and become better able to tell their own stories
 - * The arts reach students who are not otherwise being reached
- * Achievement in science and technology is correlated with training in the arts

HOW the Arts change the Learning Experience:

- * The arts encourage self-directed learning
- * The arts promote complexity in the learning experience
 - * The arts raise the self-esteem of the child

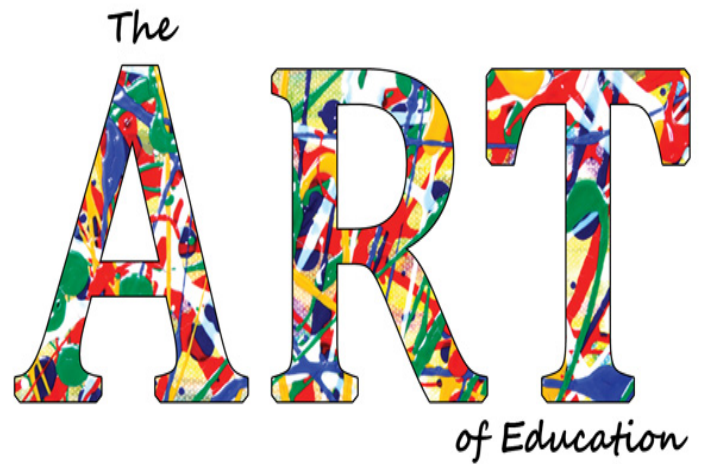
Utah PTA Mission Statement

The Utah PTA will help every child realize his/her full potential and will:

ADVOCATE - Support and speak on behalf of children and youth

INVOLVE - Encourage positive involvement in all aspects of a child's life

DEVELOP - Assist in developing skills to raise and protect children and youth



Art Resources for Utah Schools:

Utah Department of Arts and Museums (UDAM)

<https://heritage.utah.gov/utah-division-of-arts-museums>

Utah State Office of Education (USOE)

<http://schools.utah.gov/curr/fineart/>

Professional Outreach in Schools (POPS)

<http://www.schools.utah.gov/CURR/fineart/Directory/Professional-Outreach-Program.aspx>

Salt Lake City Arts Council

<http://saltlakearts.org/>

Art Works For Kids

<http://www.artworksforkids.org/>

