



Emergency Grants Extension: Apply by May 26

The Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs announced today that its grants for Iowa cultural organizations that have been hit hard by the Covid-19 pandemic will now exceed \$1.3 million, thanks in part to CARES Act funding through the National Endowment for the Arts and National Endowment for the Humanities. Read more online about [our new federal-state partnership](#) with the National Endowment for the Humanities.

With these new funds, the department is re-opening the Iowa Arts & Culture Emergency Relief Grants program to new applicants with organizations that serve Iowans through the humanities. The extended application period opens today, May 11, and continues through May 26. Please read [the guidelines](#) online and help us spread the word.

The grants are intended to help sustain cultural projects, preserve jobs and keep the doors open at cultural organizations that boost the economy and creative life of communities statewide.

Annual Grants & Designations: Apply by June 1 & June 15

Three weeks remain to apply for the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs' annual [grants for arts, film and history projects](#); the applications are due June 1. Applications for [Iowa Great Places](#) and [Iowa Cultural & Entertainment District](#) designation and re-designation are due June 15.



Congratulations to four Iowa high school arts students!

While Iowa schools are closed for the rest of the year, four Iowa high school students just got a head start toward the future. The Iowa Arts Council is proud to award this year's [Iowa Scholarships for the Arts](#) to (pictured from left to right):

- **Claire Graham** of Holy Trinity Catholic High School in Fort Madison
- **Darien Dennis** of West Marshall High School in State Center
- **Aidan Drake** of Valley High School in West Des Moines
- **Aviana Gedler** also of Valley High School in West Des Moines

The \$1,500 scholarships are given annually to Iowa high school seniors with proven ability in dance, creative writing, music, theater, traditional arts or visual arts who plan to major in the arts at an Iowa college or university. [Read more](#) about these outstanding young artists and their plans for the future.



Insights from Iowa's Poet Laureate

Iowa Poet Laureate Debra Marquart has been busy the last few strange months. "People are relying on poetry to find some wisdom or a place to shelter," she said. "It's not that poetry is just a calming-down medicine. It can also be an antidote to poison." [Find a few of her recommendations](#) on our blog.



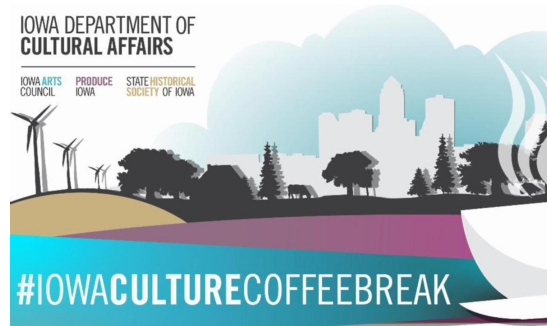
Iowa Women's Art Exhibition

Things are pretty quiet at the State Capitol these days, but Davenport artist Renee Meyer Ernst's digital collages about her roots in South Korea and childhood adoption in Iowa are on display through June in the Governor's Office. [Read more about her work](#) and the Iowa Women's Art Exhibition on our blog.



Call for Iowa Films

Calling all Iowa filmmakers: We're accepting submissions for the fifth season of "[The Film Lounge](#)," the statewide showcase of Iowa filmmaking produced by Iowa PBS in partnership with the Iowa Arts Council and Produce Iowa. Submit films between 2 and 20 minutes long, in any genre, before the deadline on June 1.



Tour the Calico Press

Southeast Iowa artist Mel Stockwell [showed us around the Calico Press](#), the letterpress studio and print shop she owns in Van Buren County, during a recent [#IowaCultureCoffeeBreak](#). Check [Iowa Culture's Facebook page](#) at 3 p.m. every weekday to see more creativity across the state – and let us know what else you'd like to see.

Coming Up

Note that some of the following events may be canceled or postponed. Please check online for updates.

State Grant Opportunities

- May 18: [Iowa Arts & Culture Emergency Relief Fund: Round Two](#)
- June 1: [Capacity Building Grant](#)
- June 1: [School Arts Experience Grant](#)
- June 1: [Cultural Heritage Project Grant](#)
- June 1: [Art Project Grant](#)
- June 1: [Greenlight Grant](#)
- June 1: [Rural Innovation Grant](#)
- June 15: [Iowa Great Places](#) designation & re-designation
- June 15: [Iowa Cultural & Entertainment District](#) designation

Non-State Grant Opportunities

- May 11: [NEH CARES Act Grants](#)
- May 15: [AARP Community Challenge](#)
- May 19: [The Hopper Prize](#)
- May 20: [Arts Writers Grant Program](#)
- June 1: [Foundation for Contemporary Arts Emergency Grants](#)
- June 1: [Arts & Culture Leaders of Color Emergency Fund](#)
- June 1: [Verizon Small Business Recovery Fund](#)
- June 1: [Dramatist Guild Foundation Emergency Grants](#)
- June 1: [The Authors League Fund Emergency Support](#)
- June 12: [CARES Act Grants](#), [Institute of Museum & Library Services](#)
- June 30: [JustFilms](#)
- July 9: [Challenge America](#)
- July 9: [NEA Grants for Arts Projects](#)
- Aug. 1: [American-Scandinavian Foundation Grants](#)

Calls for Artists

- May 13: [San Francisco Bay International Photography Awards](#)
- May 15: [ARTapalooza](#)
- May 15: [Kitchen Table Times](#)
- May 18: [UCS Healthcare](#)
- May 22: [Art Educators of Iowa Conference Logo Design](#)
- May 24: [NPR Live Stream Concerts During Covid-19](#)
- May 24: [Kolaj Institute Pandemic Artist Lab](#)
- May 30: [Blue Cat Gallery & Studio](#)
- May 31: [Sunspot Literary Journal](#)

May 31: [Art on the Square, Jefferson](#)
May 31: [Heaven & Hell National Fine Art Exhibition](#)
June 1: [The Film Lounge](#)
June 1: [Waukee Arts Festival 2020](#)
June 4: [Living Proof Exhibit](#)
June 13: [New Bohemia Arts Festival](#)
June 15: [Necro Magazine](#)
June 17: [Eastern State Penitentiary Historic Site](#)
June 27: [Square Foot Exhibit](#)
June 30: [100 Bucks for 100 Words](#)
July 4: [Wausau Museum of Contemporary Art](#)
July 5: [2020 River to River Juried Exhibition](#)
July 10: [Deeds Not Words Art Show](#)

Art & Culture Jobs

May 14: [Fairfield Arts and Convention Center Executive Director](#)
May 29: [Iowa Western Community College Arts Center Patron Service Manager](#)
July 31: [Mount Ayr Community Schools Art Teacher](#)
Open: [Dubuque Museum of Art Executive Director](#)

Iowa Arts Council Events

Now-June 30: [Iowa Women's Art Exhibition: "Illusive" by Renee Meyer Ernst](#)
Aug. 7: [Iowa Arts Summit 2020](#)

Professional Development

May 15: [NAEA21 Call for Presentations](#)
May 21: [Des Moines Leadership Network](#)
May 24: [Kolaj Institute Pandemic Artist Lab](#)
June 17: [Dance/USA Annual Conference](#)
June 26-28: [AFTA Annual Convention and Public Art & Civic Design Conference](#)
July 1: [Photography Education Award](#)
July 20: [2020 American Alliance for Theatre & Education Conference](#)

Student Opportunities

May 15: [Arts For the Future](#)
May 15: [Fighting Words Pulitzer Center Poetry Contest](#)
May 22: [2020 Congressional Art Competition](#)
June 1: [ICF Student Composer Competition](#)
June 15-19: [Young Writers' Workshop](#)
June 20: [#Enough: Plays to End Gun Violence](#)