National Art Education Foundation Announces Grant Recipients for 2021-2022

The Board of Trustees of the National Art Education Foundation (NAEF) has announced the recipients of the next cycle of grant awards. The eleven grants awarded reflect total funding of $55,571. The NAEF grant program is highly competitive, with annual requests for funding totaling approximately $165,000. The grant awards were voted on by the NAEF Board of Trustees in early April 2021.

The NAEF Board of Trustees and reviewers are impressed with range of projects NAEA members are developing with support from the NAEF grant program. "We are pleased with the smooth transition to an online submission this year. In spite of a very difficult year for our community, we continued to receive very competitive proposals," reported Diane Scully, Chair of the NAEF Board of Trustees. F. Robert Sabol, Chair of the NAEF Grants Program Committee added, "We are pleased to be able to offer substantive levels of funding to support a set of very timely proposals from applicants pursuing professional development opportunities, developing new models of classroom practice, and research in visual arts education."

Kathi R. Levin, NAEF Program/Development Officer, noted that the Foundation's support doesn't end with the funding. "We look forward to hearing about the impact and outcomes of the work funded through NAEF's grant programs. The Trustees review the final reports to select grantees to present their work each year at the NAEA National Convention and others prepare featured profiles on the NAEF area of the NAEA website."

The postmarked deadline for applications for the next funding cycle, for projects beginning July 1, 2022, will be October 1, 2021. The NAEF Grant Program Guidelines and Application are currently being updated, and will be available on the NAEF website in mid-August. A calendar for the NAEF Grant Program is available on the NAEF portion of the NAEA website. Questions may be directed to Kathi R. Levin, NAEF Program/Development Officer at naef@arteducators.org.

2021 NAEF Grant Recipients
Project Dates: July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022

Ruth Halvorsen Professional Development Grants
Kerrie Bellisario, New Jersey, *Teacher & Artist: Connecting the Two Selves through a Printmaking Immersion, $2,970*

Jay Linsenbigler, Pennsylvania, *Chemicals, Pigments, Pixels, and Papers: Exploring the Connections between Photographic Printing Processes from the 19th to the 21st Century, $3,000*

Roy Reynolds, Indiana, *Putting the Arts to Work for School Improvement, $1,497*

Mary McMullan Grants
Marissa McClure Sweeny, Pennsylvania, *Distance Learning with SQUADPods, $2,900*

Michelle Paisano, New Mexico, *Bringing Arts Education into Native American Communities in New Mexico, $3,000*

SHIP Grants

Randall Leach, North Carolina, *Augmenting Digital Learning Using Virtual Reality and Augmented Reality. For the purchase of a second a HTC Vive Cosmos Elite Headset for the program, $748*

Miranda Pellegrino, Massachusetts, *Innovative Design Opportunities for Low-Income Students with Trauma, For the purchase of ten digital drawing tablets, $800*

Teacher Incentive Grants

There are no Teacher Incentive Grants awarded this year.

NAEA Research Grants

Kelly Gross, Illinois, *The State of Inclusion: An Investigation of inclusive pedagogical and curricular art practices in K-12 art rooms for students with disabilities, $10,456*

Steven Heil, New Mexico, *Equitable Recognition of Art Talent Using Webapp for Clark's Drawing Abilities Test, $9,200*

Erin Price, Missouri, *Pandemic Pivot: Challenges, Pedagogical Practice, and Perceived Student Impact for Elementary Art Educators in Shifting Educational Settings, $10,500*

Christopher Schulte, Arkansas; Stephen Carpenter, Pennsylvania; Juan Carlos Castro, Montreal, Canada; Kerry Freedman, Illinois. *A Large-Scale Review of Empirical Research on Socio-Emotional Learning in Art Education, $10,500*