

Seasonal Newsletter

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As we step into the fall season, I want to extend heartfelt thanks to our funders, partners, and community members who make our work possible. Your continued support ensures that **Arts for All Kentucky** can bring inclusive arts opportunities to children and adults with disabilities across the state. This summer has been full of creative energy, from workshops in day programs and community organizations to preparations for our **Student Traveling Exhibit** and upcoming residencies. Together, we continue building communities where the arts are accessible to everyone, and I am grateful to share this journey with you. Please, learn and share about our opportunities and maybe even consider a position on our Board of Directors.

Mostly, have a great rest of the year!



Program Site 2024–2025

Special Thanks to Access/VSA KENNEDY CENTER for 24–25 program support for the following sites!

Austin Tracy Elementary
Bowling Green Junior High
Brave Spirits
Briarwood Elementary
Crestwood Oldham Arts Center
Down Syndrome of Louisville
Dreams with Wings
Frakes School Center
Gilda's Club of Kentuckiana
Grayson Gallery & Art Center
Greenwood High School
Hart County High School
Jennings Creek Elementary

Kidz Club of Bowling Green
Lincoln Elementary Performing Arts
Middlesboro Elementary
Mt.Vernon Elementary
Murray Art Guild
North Warren Elementary
Philip Sharp Middle School
Shacklette Elementary
Temple Hill Elementary
Waggener High School
Wilkerson Elementary



Image is of two young students using a painting tool to paint colors on to a square panel.



Image is of a teacher talking to two young students about the quilt on the table.



Ilmage is a wall of lockers that is painted and being painted by students standing and sitting with paintbrushes adding color tto the lockers.

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOOL RESIDENCIES

BRING US TO YOUR SCHOOL OR COMMUNITY PROGRAM! LEARN MORE HERE

Arts Inclusion program

Bring a guest artist, musician, or storyteller to your school through this program

• Side by Side

This program is hosted at your school, community center, arts organization or local library

• Special Initiative

Offer an after school program, Arts Festival or Camp for your kids or adults

• Learn more at the website artsforallky.org

AREN'T SURE WHICH PROGRAM WORKS FOR YOU?

Contact Catie Bates Robertson at phone: 270-792-0023 or email: programs@artsforallky.org with your questions.

Rolling Application Deadlines!

FIRST STEPS: Inclusion Program

Experiential, inclusionary arts projects in creative writing, dance, drama, music, storytelling, or visual art. Arts for All Roster Artists collaborate with schools and teachers in designing and implementing residencies that interface with curriculum and enhance learning. 25-30 schools in Kentucky are each awarded \$1600 every year. We have a rolling deadline and approved projects will be awarded on a first come first served basis.In-person, visual, and hybrid projects will be considered.

--> Visit our **Program Page** to read over the application

--> Visit our **Teaching Artist Roster Page** to connect with an artist to make a plan

---> Work with the artist or Arts for All staff to complete the application!

Apply today!



CALL FOR ENTRIES

STUDENT TRAVELING EXHIBITION

ENTRY FORM AVAILABLE AT ARTSFORALLKY.ORG WEBSITE ENTRIES ARE FREE OF CHARGE

YOU CAN ALSO REGISTER TO BE AN EXHIBIT HOST!

DEADLINE: OCTOBER 20, 2025

Arts for All Kentucky is extending a Call for Art to students with disabilities in Kentucky schools, grades K-12. Selected 2-D artwork will be included in the Traveling Student Art Exhibit. Our goal is to recognize the accomplishments of students in the visual arts and to share them throughout the state. Teachers (including home school) or parents can submit work.









CALL FOR STE 2025 ART Submission date is OCTOBER 20, 2025!

The Student Traveling Art Exhibit, "A Matter of Perspective" is an annual exhibit comprised of original artwork created by K-12 students with disabilities from across Kentucky. This art exhibit is available to schools, museums, businesses, libraries, and hospitals across the Commonwealth each year. Teachers or Parents are encouraged to submit their students' original artwork each fall in order to participate in the exhibition.

Submission Deadline is October 20, 2025

Feel free to message us with any questions!

STE Details and Entry Form HERE





Students with disabilities participate in a series of art classes. Then they are partnered with an artist from their community to create a collaborative piece. The final event is an exhibition of all the artists' work. Family and friends are invited to a reception where the artists are recognized for their accomplishments.

Image of a young student and Teacher smiling. They are seated beside each other and working on a piece of artwork on the table in front of them.

Would you like to bring a Side by Side program to your school or community? Send an email or call 270-792-0023 or more info.

Adult Programs: Arts for All Workshops

We excited to share that funding is available to support creative arts programs for adults with disabilities across the state. These funds help bring inclusive workshops, residencies, and community-based projects to life, ensuring that adults of all abilities have opportunities to explore, create, and express themselves through the arts. Organizations and program partners are encouraged to apply and collaborate with us to make the arts more accessible and enriching for everyone.

Contact Programs Assistant, Sonja Byrd to learn more about these opportunities. <u>email: sonja@artsforallky.org</u>



Image of a table with a set of multi-colored watercolors and and drawing of a flower with blue and purple petals and a yellow center.



Image of a man smiling with his arm raised and a painting in front of him on the table.



Ilmage of 4 adults setting 2 on each side of a long table. In front of each of them is a set of multi-colored watercolors and a drawing of a flower in front of them. They are using brushes to add color to the flower art.

Stay informed, Follow and Like Arts for All Kentucky

on Facebook & Instagram!

Arts for All Kentucky NOW ACCEPTING BOARD POSITIONS

If you are passionate about the arts or an advocate for folks with disabilities or BOTH, the Arts for All Board of Directors might be a good fit for you! Apply at link



Arts for All KY Board Application

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS

Arts for All Kentucky is part of the Kroger Community Rewards program now. Through this program, Kroger donates a portion of purchases to nonprofit organizations.

To Use the Kroger Community Rewards Program: Visit http://www.kroger.com. Once logged into your Kroger account you can search for ARTS FOR ALL KENTUCKY either by name or SG327 and then click Enroll. New users will need to create an account which requires some basic information, a valid email address and a rewards card.



Thank you!







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