



2025-26 Teaching Artist Incubator Guidelines

United Arts' new Teaching Artist Incubator supports artists who want to learn more about working with students in a school setting. Over this 10-month program, participants will learn through group sessions and one-on-one meetings and will receive support in the creation of their own school-appropriate program.

Upon completion of the program, participants will have the opportunity to apply to United Arts' Artists in Schools Directory.

Eligible applicants must:

- Be an individual artist, ensemble, or arts organization
- Be based in North Carolina
- Be experienced in their discipline
- Be an adult or have only adult group members
- Pass a background check through the Dru Sjodin National Sex Offender Public Website

Ideal candidates will:

- Be curious about best practices in connecting with students
- Bring joy and curiosity to their teaching
- Know the arts can offer more than just entertainment
- Welcome feedback regarding their program ideas

Program components:

- In-person orientation with UA staff on July 23, 2025, 4:00 - 6:00 pm
- Three virtual group learning sessions led by artists, administrators, and school staff
- Three in-person Artists in Schools observations with time for questions
- Personalized support to guide creation of program and materials
- In-person practice session with school audience which will be recorded and available for future use
- Individualized feedback with UA staff, school contact, and current Artist in Schools artist
- North Carolina Curriculum Quick Reference guides (K-8)
- \$500 stipend upon completion of the program

Application: The application for the **Teaching Artist Incubator** is available online via Submittable at <https://unitedarts.submittable.com/submit/1e3c5ae0-ae6e-4ee5-aced-2e0f8e5a2c21/teaching-artist-incubator-application>

Deadline: Thursday, April 10, 2025 (before midnight)

Review Process: Each application will be carefully reviewed by a panel comprised of United Arts staff, current Artists in Schools artists, and school district administrators.

Notification: Notification of application status will be emailed in June.