

NAEA Convention Pre-Service Teacher/Student Professional Growth Grant

This Grant exemplifies AENJ's dedication and commitment to professional growth and development of all pre-service/student art teachers in New Jersey by providing money to attend the NAEA convention as part of professional development.

The Art Educators of New Jersey Executive Board recognizes that attendance at the annual Convention of the National Art Education Association (NAEA) is important to the professional growth of pre-service/student members of AENJ, thus furthering AENJ goals. NAEA provides New Jersey Professional Development credits for conference attendance.

Funding: Monies will be allocated each year to encourage active student members to submit proposals that indicate the educational benefits resulting from attendance. Current Fiscal Year (July 1 - June 30) - \$500 per grant. One half of the grant monies will be awarded prior to the convention; the balance of the grant monies will be awarded on the recipient's completion of all responsibilities (see below).

Criteria: No proposal will be considered unless submitted by a full time pre-service student pursuing a degree in art education who has been an AENJ member for a minimum of two years. Member must also be current NAEA member and pay conference registration fees. After receiving this grant, a member remains ineligible to receive it again.

Instructions for Submitting Proposals:

Complete Cover Sheet

Submit proposals to Susan Bivona, they must be POSTMARKED **December 31st** of current year and include:

- Letter of recommendation from College Art Education Chair, or a letter from a current college art professor.
- Proof of membership in AENJ (will be confirmed by AENJ Membership Chair)
- Brief essay indicating why you wish to attend the NAEA Conference including what specific areas of art education you may wish to explore. Specific areas might include: Special Education, Assessment, DBAE, Technology, Curriculum, Facilities, etc.

Recipients' Responsibilities: Recipients will be expected to bring their experience at the NAEA convention back to the local membership.

- Recipients will attend the New Jersey Reception at the convention to meet with other recipients and with executive board members.
- Recipient will write a brief account of their experience at the convention to be published in an AENJ publication.
 - Recipients will give a presentation at the AENJ conference the following October. This presentation may be by a single presenter or as part of a panel presentation.
- Recipient will submit all receipts from their trip for reimbursement no later than May 31st (amount not to exceed grant amount awarded).

**Submit all applications to Susan Bivona,
they must be postmarked December 31st**

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