

## **N.J. arts grant awaits applicants**

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TRENTON — The New Jersey State Council on the Arts (NJSCA) is now accepting applications for its 2011-2012 Folk Arts Apprenticeship Program.

Deadline for application is April 6, 2011 and workshops conducted by Arts Council staff will be offered in various locations around the state for individuals and teams seeking assistance with the application process.

Grants are for the period of July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2012.

Folk Arts Apprenticeship grants support the traditional arts and crafts of New Jersey's many different cultural communities, helping talented apprentice artists further hone their skills by working directly with a master artist of a shared community.

"Support for these artists has widespread impact on New Jersey's communities helping to strengthen group ties, promote cross-cultural understanding and sustain important cultural traditions that have been practiced here and around the world for generations," said Arts Council Chair Sharon Burton Turner.

"The Council has long recognized how important it is that these unique customs and ways of life get passed forward authentically and consistently."

For the past 14 years, the program has assisted hundreds of artists who make up a fascinating spectrum of traditional arts and crafts.

Some of these apprenticeships have included art forms from the Filipino, Native American, Ukrainian, NJ Pinelands region, Japanese, African American, Puerto Rican and many other cultures and communities.

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Apprentices may request up to \$3,000 to support an intensive regimen of study with a master artist for up to 12 months.

The application process requires that each interested folk arts apprentice apply with a master artist as a team by providing artistic work samples, comprehensive, detailed information of their shared artistic cultural backgrounds and their planned scope of work together.

The application workshop schedule is as follows:

- Feb. 17, 2011, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., Perkins Center for the Arts in Moorestown, N.J.;
- Feb. 25, from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., Down Jersey Folklife Center in Millville;
- March 12, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., Jersey Shore Regional Folklife Center in Tuckerton;
- March 20, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., East Jersey Olde Towne Village in Piscataway Township;
- April 1, from 11 a.m. to noon, NJ State Council on the Arts in Trenton.

To register for workshops, contact Kim Nguyen at [kim.nguyen@sos.state.nj.us](mailto:kim.nguyen@sos.state.nj.us) or call 609.292.4495.

All workshops will be held at accessible sites.

Those in need of special assistance should call the Council office two weeks prior to the workshop date at 609.292.6130 or NJ Relay 711.

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The New Jersey State Council on the Arts is a division of the New Jersey Department of State.

It receives funding through direct appropriations from the State of New Jersey and grants from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Since 1966, its volunteer members and professional staff have worked to improve the quality of life for New Jersey, its people and communities by helping the arts to flourish.

For particulars, visit [www.njartscouncil.org](http://www.njartscouncil.org)

Further information regarding the arts is found on an interactive website ( <http://www.jerseyarts.com> ) and available on a toll-free hotline (1-800-THE ARTS).