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# ARTS PROFESSIONAL LEARNING INSTITUTE (APLI) Pilot Year APPLICATION GUIDELINES

**Application Deadline: Friday, October 4, 2019 | 12:00 NOON**

The New Jersey State Council on the Arts and Young Audiences Arts for Learning New Jersey & Eastern Pennsylvania (YA) is pleased to present the Arts Professional Learning Institute (APLI). APLI is the state's arts education professional development program for arts specialists, classroom teachers, teaching artists, and administrators.

The 2019–2020 school year will be the pilot in which selected participants will act as a collaborative cohort participating in professional learning and advising the APLI team as we develop session content, delivery methods, communication strategies, virtual communities, resources, and more. The sharing and feedback process will be in-person, virtual, through e-mail, and in post-workshop Zoom calls. In-person workshops will be held throughout the state of New Jersey.

Due to the collaborative nature of the work, participants will receive a stipend of \$1620 for educators and administrators, \$2020 for teaching artists, which includes attendance at workshops and webinars, participation in evaluations, and travel.

The pilot year will feature:

- Four professional development workshops with topics including, but not limited to:
  - Social Emotional Learning in the Arts (November 11, 2019)
  - Trauma Informed Instruction
  - Culturally Responsive Classrooms
  - Theatre to Learn
- Webinar follow-up sessions
- Access to an emerging resource library on the YA website
- End of Year Convening at the FEA Summer Institute

## **Eligibility**

In the pilot year, APLI is looking for participants with a variety of experiences in arts education—beginners through expert—with a willingness to learn, grow, and reflect. The design of the program relies on participants to be active collaborators who aim to grow their arts education abilities and who are actively working to help design the program for future participants.

Applicants can apply as individuals or part of a 2-person creativity team with another “arts education-interested” teacher or administrator at your school or with a teaching artist that you’ve collaborated with previously. Team examples include: classroom teacher and arts specialist, classroom teacher and teaching artists, arts specialist and teaching artist, administrator and classroom teacher, etc.

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We welcome candidates of all backgrounds (race, religion, national origin, gender, age, disability, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, or veteran status) and who work in North, Central, and Southern New Jersey. We encourage participants who work in all areas of the state and travel will be included in the participant's stipend.

Participants should have at least 1 – 5 years of experience in the field of education or arts education.

### **Commitment**

Participants in the pilot year will receive a paid stipend that covers time and travel for workshop attendance and webinar and evaluation participation. All registration fees and catering will be covered by the program.

The stipend will be paid in quarterly payments to the participant upon successful completion of the program's events.

The participants are expected to:

- Attend 4 PD workshops during the school day with building administrator support
- Attend an End of Year Convening
- Participate in follow-up webinars
- Actively participate in the APLI community through social media, email, etc.
- Pilot new teaching strategies in their classroom or teaching practice
- Have administrator approval to participate
- Have administrator participate in a required 60-minute video conference about the program
- Participate in evaluation of the program

If the participant or team of participants withdraws from the program or if the attendance and participation declines, the payments will be subject to proration or termination.

### **Additional Information**

The participants listed on the application will receive an e-mail confirmation within two (2) business days to confirm receipt of your application. If you do not receive a confirmation within this time, please call or e-mail Samantha Clarke at 609.984.7019 or [sclarke@yanjep.org](mailto:sclarke@yanjep.org).

All applicants will be notified of the results on or before October 18, 2019.

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