

AAP FAQ

Q. Who is eligible the Artist Access Program?

A. Applicants must be Cultural Contractors (in a contractual relationship with the Cultural Arts Division for project or operational funding) in any program category to ensure the State statute on use of Hotel Occupancy Tax is followed. Check [Cultural Contractor link](#) to learn more about how to be a cultural contractor.

Applicants must live in Austin or ETJ (Extra-territorial jurisdiction) and be a working artist. Check out GIS Maps if you'd like to find out if your location qualifies and provides programs and services for citizens of Austin and/or the ETZ and be open and marketing broadly to residents, visitors and tourists.

Q. Can I apply to the AAP if I am not currently a Cultural Contractor?

A. Yes, if you are in the process of becoming a Cultural Contractor prior to your proposed production dates you may apply for acceptance into the Artist Access Program. If accepted into the AAP, you will be required to have applied to be a Cultural Contractor by the time of your production in order for your reservation agreement to be valid.

Q. When can I apply?

A. The selection process for Fiscal Year 2020 has ended. Dates to submit applications for Fiscal Year 2021 will be announced in the Fall of 2019. To stay up to date on important dates [click here](#).

Q. How can I apply to the AAP?

A. During the submission window, fill out an application once you have confirmed your eligibility. Submit by the deadline by clicking the submit button on the SUBMITTABLE form. You may also mail a paper application and support materials to ARTIST ACCESS PROGRAM, 1110 BARTON SPRINGS ROAD, AUSTIN TX 78704. Applications are also accepted in person at the above address during [business hours](#). All materials must arrive by the deadline.

Q. This Application is confusing, who can I contact for help?

A. If you need any help completing your application feel free to contact the [participating Cultural Centers](#) with any questions you may have.

Q. If I have applied in past years, can I apply again?

A. Yes, each year the application process is open to all eligible organizations. Depending on the size of the applicant pool, organizations that have not had the opportunity to participate in the AAP may be given priority.

Q. How does the selection process work?

A. Applications are accepted online and in person up to the deadline date. All applicants will be rated by an anonymous panel. Applications will be scored based on the following criteria:

- Organizational/project quality
- Management capability
- Project feasibility
- Community involvement
- Relevancy to site mission

Once an applicant has been selected, a meeting will be scheduled to review the Artist Access Program contract. Upon agreeing to the contract, accepted applicants will be contacted by the site(s) at which they have been approved to produce an event, and will be responsible for negotiating a reservation agreement based on the site(s)' availability.

Q. What if I only want to work on one project?

A. The Artist Access Program allows for groups to apply for singular productions, exhibits, or workshops. Depending on site schedules and accepted applicant pool, organizations that apply to produce multiple events may be limited to one production for that Fiscal Year.

Q. How long will participation in the AAP last?

A. The Artist Access Program operates on a yearly basis. Each new year begins on the first day of October and ends on the last day of September the following year. All accepted applicants will be a member of the AAP throughout the entire year, though scheduling of events and rehearsals must be negotiated with individual sites and is subject to availability.

Q. Can I charge an admission fee for my events?

A. You may charge a fee for events. Events that are free to the public are considered free rentals and will not be assessed a rental fee. Events that have an admission price will be considered low cost rentals and will be assessed a fee of one dollar for each ticket sold. For more information visit [here](#).

Q. When will I hear back after I submit my request?

A. You will be sent an initial email confirming your application has been received. The adjudication process will last up to one month from the date of the deadline.