



Professional Artist Determination Policy Relative to Programs Eligibility

Definition of Professional Artist:

The Kentucky Arts Council recognizes as professional artists those who receive payment for their art work, keep appropriate business records and meet at least two of the following criteria:

- devote a significant amount of their time to practicing and/or performing one or more arts disciplines
- actively seek to enhance their artistic skills and business professional development
- actively promote themselves to target audiences

Evidence of current professional status will include at least four of the following:

- income tax records
- recent arts sales or performance contracts
- artistic resumes or curricula vitae
- performance and/or exhibition histories
- well developed marketing materials
- sample CDs, DVDs and/or digital images of art work or publicity photos
- copies of press coverage, reviews, etc.

Individuals not considered professional artists include:

- avocational or occasional artists
- artists under the age of 18 years
- open-membership arts groups or ensembles
- art instructors who are not practicing artists