



2016 – 17 CONNECTING KIDS AND CULTURE EDUCATOR FAQ

What is Connecting Kids and Culture?

Connecting Kids and Culture is a program jointly administered by the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines and Bravo Greater Des Moines that provides funding for Central Iowa K – 5 Students to experience culturally enriching educational opportunities. Both organizations are Charity Partners of the Principal Charity Classic®, proceeds from which make Connecting Kids and Culture possible.

The mission of Connecting Kids and Culture is to see elementary students in Central Iowa experience Greater Des Moines' arts and cultural programming at least once per school year.

What does Connecting Kids and Culture fund?

Connecting Kids and Culture funds may be used to cover costs necessary to connect elementary students with approved educational experiences both outside and inside the classroom (admission fees; costs associated with bringing experiences into the classroom like speaker or presenter fees; student transportation expenses, etc.). Connecting Kids and Culture supports arts and cultural programs that align with core curriculum objectives:

Ankeny Historical Society	Iowa Hall of Pride
Ballet Des Moines	Iowa State Capitol
Blank Park Zoo	Living History Farms
Civic Music Association	Metro Arts Alliance
Clive Historical Society	Pappajohn Sculpture Park
CultureALL	Polk County Heritage Gallery
Des Moines Art Center	Salisbury House and Gardens
Des Moines Community Playhouse	Science Center of Iowa
Des Moines Metro Opera	State Historical Museum
Des Moines Performing Arts	Urbandale Historical Society
Des Moines Symphony and Academy	Terrace Hill Foundation
Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden	West Des Moines Historical Society
Hoyt Sherman Place	World Food Prize Hall of Laureates
Iowa Dance Theatre	

For purposes of funding, the definition of an arts and cultural organization and/or program is that its primary purpose is for the education, enlightenment and entertainment of the public through the production, presentation, exhibition, advancement or preservation of art, science, music, theatre, dance, zoology, botany, natural history or cultural history.

Experiences not approved for Connecting Kids and Culture Funding include:

- Professional or college sporting events
- For-profit culture or arts organizations

- For-profit culture or arts shows and contests
- Organizations in communities that do not currently contribute to Bravo Greater Des Moines
- Entertainment organizations whose primary purpose is not arts and culture

Programs being presented by organizations not on this list must receive pre-approval from the Program.

Can we participate in Connecting Kids and Culture?

School districts and private schools serving K – 5 students in Dallas, Polk and Warren counties are eligible for funding from Connecting Kids and Culture. In 2016-17, eligible schools will receive \$3.40 per every enrolled K – 5 student. In order to participate, eligible schools and school districts must agree to the following:

1. Sign a grant agreement with Connecting Kids and Culture that states the funds will be used in full to carry out the mission of the program. Funds are made available after receipt of the signed grant agreement.
2. Maintain accurate financial records via the Field Experience Report form. New this year, Connecting Kids and Culture will no longer require that invoices and purchase orders, etc. be submitted at the end of the school year. **Instead, after each activity, a Field Experience Report should be completed by the lead educator(s) and submitted to your school or district's Connecting Kids and Culture administrator. The administrator will email it to the Connecting Kids and Culture coordinator at rachel@bravogreaterdesmoines.org.** An example of this form was included with your award letter, and can be downloaded at connectingkidsandculture.org.
3. Complete the on-line end of year evaluation by the June 2, 2017 deadline.

How can we access Connecting Kids and Culture funds?

For public schools, funds are provided directly to the local school district. Consult with your Connecting Kids and Culture administrator for details. Funds to private schools are made available directly to the school's Connecting Kids and Culture administrator.

Where can I get more information about Connecting Kids and Culture?

The Connecting Kids and Culture coordinator, Rachel Woodhouse, may be reached by phone at (515) 243-0388 or via email at rachel@bravogreaterdesmoines.org. You may also visit connectingkidsandculture.org.