



## 2025 CALL TO ARTISTS

Arts Are Elementary is pleased to announce our **2025 Call to Artists** requesting proposals for professional artist residencies for the **2025-2026** academic year.

### BACKGROUND

AAE has been providing professional artist residencies for elementary school children since 1980. We are a 501c3 non-profit dedicated to integrating experiential, curriculum-based artistic experiences inside the classrooms.

### TIMELINE

Application deadline: Monday, April 28th, 4:59 pm

Notification of selection: by Friday, May 23

Contract signing: early June 2025

Residency scheduling: September/October 2025

Residencies take place: October 2025 - May 2026

### QUESTIONS

Direct questions to Lauren Dumont, Executive Director at [director@artsareelementary.org](mailto:director@artsareelementary.org).

### GENERAL RESIDENCY INFORMATION

- Arts Are Elementary is accepting applications from Maine-based professional teaching artists. Preference will be given to artists who have experience working with children ages 4-11. We have found that teaching artists with classroom behavior management skills for that age group are particularly successful. All types of art are welcome--we have had a huge variety of visual and performing artists over the years!
- Each selected artist will serve as the Artist in Residence for ONE specific grade level, and will complete their project or experience with each class in that grade level.
  - Each grade has multiple classes (6-10) with 15-25 students per classroom
  - Each classroom typically has 1-3 visits depending on the project or experience
  - Each visit typically ranges from 30 minutes to 60 minutes; the older the students, the longer the visits can be.

- So, for example, if a project needs two 60-minute sessions for a grade that has 10 classes with 20 students each, then the artist would have 20 total visits (2 visits x 10 classrooms) across 20 hours (1 hour x 2 visits x 10 classrooms) with 200 total students.
- The available stipend for each grade is listed in the chart at the bottom of this document. This is the maximum stipend Arts Are Elementary is able to pay and must cover your time in the classroom, preparation time, and any materials you need for your proposal. All materials must be provided by the artist. Please keep this in mind when creating your proposal.
- The classroom teacher will be present for all the sessions. Additionally, parent volunteers are available upon request and should be noted in the proposal.
- We often have difficulty managing student absences. Planning ahead on how to help absent students catch up is helpful.

## NOTES ON SCHEDULING

- Scheduling the residencies is a collaborative effort between the classroom teachers and the artist. Most of the residencies occur in the late winter and spring.
- Some artists have all of their visits occur within a consolidated 1-2 week period, whereas others are spread out.
- Residencies occur within the school day which lasts from 9am-3pm. There will be a break in the middle of the day when the children are at lunch and recess, so often there will be 2 sessions in the morning, followed by a break of an hour or more and then one or possibly 2 sessions in the afternoon.
- There are two elementary schools in Brunswick separated by age. Pre-K through 2nd grade residencies will take place at [Kate Furbish Elementary School](#). 3rd grade through 5th grade residencies will take place at [Harriet Beecher Stowe Elementary School](#). The residencies must occur in the classrooms as there is no additional space in the building.

## ARTIST IN RESIDENCY DETAILS BY GRADE

On the next two pages you will find a chart with the estimated # of classrooms and class sizes (note this is subject to change), available stipend, and curriculum for each grade. While you may propose a more generalized concept for your proposal, we have shared the curriculum details to give guidance and ideas for possible topics that would work well for each grade. If your project has a specific curriculum tie-in, please specify that in your application. Note that Kindergarten is missing from the list, as that residency is already in place for the next school year.

## Kate Furbish Elementary

Grade	Estimated Size	Stipend	Curriculum
Pre-K	7 classrooms (note 2 are offsite/not at Kate Furbish) with 16 students per class	\$1,000	Family Friends Water and Wind World of Color Shadows and Reflections Things that Grow! <a href="#">Link to curriculum</a>
1st	9 classrooms, 20 students per class	\$3,000	Science: <a href="#">Day &amp; Night</a> <a href="#">Season &amp; the Water Cycle</a> <a href="#">Plants: Structure &amp; Function</a> Language Arts: <a href="#">Literature</a> <a href="#">Writing Across Genres</a> Social Studies: <a href="#">American Families Now and Then</a> Math: <a href="#">Geometry &amp; Measurement</a>
2nd	9 classrooms, 20 students per class	\$3,000	Science: <a href="#">Animals</a> <a href="#">Physical Changes</a> Language Arts: <a href="#">Literature</a> <a href="#">Writing Across Genres</a> Social Studies: <a href="#">Cultures Around the World</a> <a href="#">Maps &amp; Globes</a> <a href="#">Wabanaki</a> Math: <a href="#">Geometry &amp; Measurement</a>

## Harriet Beecher Stowe Elementary

Grade	Estimated Size	Stipend	Curriculum
3rd	9 classrooms, 21 students per class	\$3,000	Science: <a href="#">Energy</a> <a href="#">Earth in the Universe</a> <a href="#">Pond Life</a> Language Arts: <a href="#">Literature</a> <a href="#">Writing Across Genres</a> Social Studies: <a href="#">Brunswick Town Government</a> <a href="#">Brunswick History</a> <a href="#">United States Geography</a> Math: <a href="#">Geometry &amp; Measurement</a>
4th	9 classrooms, 20 students per class	\$3,000	Science: <a href="#">Biomes</a> <a href="#">Force &amp; Motion</a> <a href="#">Rocks &amp; Minerals</a> Language Arts: <a href="#">Literature</a> <a href="#">Writing Across Genres</a> Social Studies: <a href="#">Geography</a> <a href="#">Maine Studies</a> Math: <a href="#">Geometry &amp; Measurement</a>
5th	9 classrooms, 24 students per class	\$3,000	Science: <a href="#">Astronomy</a> <a href="#">Chemistry</a> <a href="#">Human Body Systems</a> Language Arts: <a href="#">Literature</a> <a href="#">Writing Across Genres</a> Social Studies: <a href="#">Colonization</a> <a href="#">Revolution</a> Math: <a href="#">Geometry &amp; Measurement</a>