Guide to MAC’s Grant System Registration Process

If you are interested in Missouri Arts Council funding, first start by reviewing the Guide to Grants for overview of MAC’s grant programs, eligibility requirements, what we fund, and more. If you would like to see the application questions, open the specific guide or application instructions. You do not have to be logged into the grant system to see the application questions.

Missouri Arts Council accepts applications through our online grants management system. Applicants also use this system for completing final report and receiving the grant agreement.

To use the grant system, your Missouri-based, nonprofit organization must have an organizational account/profile. Each organization can have only one account with one contact person. Individuals are not eligible for Missouri Arts Council funding.

Browser Compatibility: Use the most recent version of these internet browsers for desktop computers: Chrome, Safari, Firefox, and Microsoft Edge. For mobile devices, you can use Safari (iOS) or Chrome (Android). Do not use Internet Explorer.

BEFORE YOU START THE REGISTRATION

- Check if your organization already has an account. A previous grantwriter, development staff, or board member might have created an account. Check with group’s key staff and board members.
  - If possible, obtain the username and password for the account. After you login, the contact person information can be changed to the appropriate individual.
  - If you know that your organization has a MAC grant account, but cannot obtain the username and password, contact a program specialist for assistance. Note: If the contact person is new, MAC might need to confirm with your organization that you are authorized to access and manage the grant account.
  - If you are uncertain, you can check with a Missouri Arts Council program specialist.

- Obtain the following information about your organization.
  - **NEW Requirement: SAM-UEI Number.** Starting March 2022, all Missouri Arts Council applicants must have a SAM-UEI number. The process can take 1-21 days to obtain a SAM-UEI. For instructions, consult the Guide to Obtaining a SAM-UEI on Missouri Arts Council’s Grant Guidelines, Applications, Forms, and Documents page.
  - Contact person’s name and information, including address, email, and phone number. **NOTE:** Only one person can serve as the contact with only one login and password for the organizational account.
  - Mission statement.
  - Employer Identification Number. This is often referred to as your EIN or FEIN. This number should match the one included in your organization’s IRS determination letter.
- **Zip code +4 for organization’s physical address.** This cannot be a PO Box address (or equivalent). Some small organizations use their board president’s residential address for the physical address. To find the zip code, go to this website.

- **Legislator district numbers** for both state house, state senate, and congressional. To find the legislative districts, go to this website.

- **Codes which best describe the organization/applicant: Status, Institution, and Discipline.**
  
  - **Applicant Status**
    - Organization – Nonprofit
    - Government – Federal
    - Government – State
  
  - **Applicant Institution**
    - Performing Group
    - Performing Group - College/University
    - Performing Group - Community
    - Performing Group - Youth
    - Performance Facility
    - Art Museum
    - Other Museum
    - Gallery/Exhibit Space
    - Cinema
    - Independent Press
    - Literary Magazine
    - Fair/Festival
    - Arts Center
    - Arts Council/Agency
    - Arts Service Organization
    - Union/Professional Association
    - School District
  
  - **Applicant Discipline**
    - Dance
    - Music
    - Opera/Musical Theatre
    - Theatre
    - Visual Arts
    - Design Arts
    - Crafts
    - Photography
    - Media Arts
    - Literature
    - Interdisciplinary
  
  - Government – Regional
  - Government – County
  - Parent-Teacher Organization
  - Elementary School
  - Middle School
  - Secondary School
  - Vocational/Technical School
  - Other School
  - College/University
  - Library
  - Historical Society
  - Humanities Council
  - Foundation
  - Community Service Organization
  - Correctional Institution
  - Health Care Facility
  - Religious Organization
  - Seniors’ Center
  - Parks and Recreation
  - Government – Municipal
  - Government – Tribal
  - None of the above
  - Government - Executive
  - Government - Judicial
  - Government - Legislative (House)
  - Government - Legislative (Senate)
  - Media - Periodical
  - Media - Daily Newspaper
  - Media - Weekly Newspaper
  - Media - Radio
  - Media - TV
  - Cultural Series Organization
  - School of the Arts
  - Arts Camp/Institute
  - Social Service Organization
  - Child Care Provider
  - None of the Above
  - Folklife/Traditional Arts
  - Humanities
  - Multidisciplinary
  - Non-Arts/Non-Humanities
GRANT SYSTEM REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. After you have collected information for the online registration form, go to Missouri Arts Council’s grant system and click the blue Register Here button.

2. The eligibility quiz starts with the selection of the type of organization:
   a. Nonprofit, Tax-Exempt (including churches and private or charter schools)
   b. University or College (Departments)
   c. School District
   d. Government Entity

3. Confirm “yes” only if your organization is tax-exempt as determined by the IRS, church, or federal or local government (such as a library, park, school, school, university, county, or municipal agency). And, nonprofit, tax-exempt organizations must be incorporated in Missouri as a not-for-profit corporation and currently filed (in good standing) with the Secretary of State’s office.

4. Confirm “yes” if your proposed project takes place in Missouri.

5. Select Submit to determine if your answers confirm that you are eligible for funding. If the answer is “no” to either question, then your organization will not be allowed to apply.

6. Once eligibility is confirmed, you will be directed to the appropriate form to continue the registration process for your organization. The forms differ slightly, depending on the type of organization – Nonprofit (including private or charter schools); University or College department or program; School District; or Government entity. You will upload documentation to your application.

7a. NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, including churches and private or charter schools start the registration process by searching the IRS database. Click the blue Search IRS button. Most nonprofit applicants will be in the IRS database. Enter your organization’s EIN (without spaces or dashes) or name. For name, keyword word is sufficient. For example, “Charles Avenue” for Charles Avenue Foundation, Inc. When you select the correct entry, the system will automatically enter your organization’s legal name, EIN, and physical address that the IRS has on record.

   If something is incorrect, you will not be able to revise the information during the registration process. You must complete the registration process and then you can login into the system and update the organization’s profile. Also, you might need to update your records with the IRS.

   If your organization does not appear in the IRS Database, click on the “here” link (shown below with red arrow pointing to it).
7b. **UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES:** Enter the name of the department or arts program under **Name** and enter the university’s name under **Legal Name of Organization**. For example, Concert Series for Name (of art program) and Stephens College for Legal Name.

Each academic department may receive one application per fiscal year. For administration departments (like student affairs), Missouri Arts Council will accept one application per fiscal year. University and college departments must coordinate with their sponsored research offices before registering or applying to the Missouri Arts Council. For details, read the [Guide to Grants](#) and consult the appropriate program specialist.

7c. **SCHOOL DISTRICTS:** Enter the official name of the school building under **Name** and school district under **Legal Name of Organization**. If you are uncertain of the official names, consult the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education’s [School Directory](#). For example, Meramec Heights Elementary School for Name and Fox C-6 School District for Legal Name.

Please note that the school district superintendent must sign the Missouri Arts Council application and other official documents. Some school districts require advance approval by the school board. School buildings may apply for up to two grants (in different categories) per fiscal year. For some categories, there is a maximum amount of funding for each school district. For details, read the [Guide to Arts Education](#) and consult the Arts Education program specialist.

7d. **GOVERNMENT ENTITIES:** Enter the name of the department or arts program under **Name** and enter the government entity under **Legal Name of Organization**. For example, Parks and Recreation Department for Name and City of Columbia for Legal Name.

8. **ALL ORGANIZATIONS:** Complete the remaining form. Make sure you have completed all required fields indicated by a red asterisk. Otherwise you will not be able to successfully submit your information.
- **SAM-UEI Number.** All Missouri Arts Council applicants must have a SAM-UEI number. For instructions, consult the [Guide to Obtaining a SAM-UEI](#).
- Skip DUNS number. MAC is working to remove this field from the online registration form.
- **State House District, State Senate District, and Congressional District** – To find the legislative districts, go to this [website](#) and enter the organization’s physical address.
- **County**
- **Organizational Phone**
- Website (optional but recommended)
- **Applicant Status, Applicant Institution, and Applicant Discipline.** Select the codes below which best describe the organization/applicant. See page 2 for details.
- **Mission Statement**
- **Contact Information:** First Name, Last Name, Email, Phone, and Fax

### 9. ALL ORGANIZATIONS:

Once you have submitted, you will receive a confirmation email with your username and password to login to the system.

#### Registration Complete

Thank you for registering.

Your username and password will be emailed to you. [Click here to login](#).

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**MAC online registration confirmation**

From: grantsmanager@arts.mo.gov
To: amy@gfthome.com
Date: Thursday, December 30, 2016, 1:11 PM CST

Dear Amy,

Thank you for registering.

You have been successfully registered with the Missouri Arts Council’s online grant system.

Your username and temporary password are below:

AmyGT@usa.com

Please take a moment to sign into [https://moartsarts.smartpensio.com](https://moartsarts.smartpensio.com), modify your temporary password, and store this new password in a secure location.

Note that if you have forgotten your password at any time, you may reset it on your own by selecting “Forgot Password?” on the login screen.

We look forward to supporting the art you do that makes Missouri a better place to live, work, and play.

Regards,

Missouri Arts Council

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**Congratulations on completing the registration process!**

Now that you’re registered, read the [Guide to Navigating the Grant System](#). Make sure that you have carefully read the [Guide to Grants and other materials](#). New applicants should contact the appropriate program specialist to ensure that their project is eligible for Missouri Arts Council funding as well as determine the right grant program and corresponding application deadline.