



City of McKinney Press Release

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Arts Commission grant applications available

City-funded board gives grants to area arts groups

McKINNEY, Texas (June 21, 2010) – The McKinney Arts Commission is currently accepting applications from organizations with a primary arts-related mission. Last year, the commission received applications from arts groups seeking more than \$238,000 in grants during the current funding cycle and funded 19 area groups.

Groups applying for a grant are required to attend one of two grant-writing workshops, held to provide information and assistance for those wishing to apply for the 2010-11 Arts Grants. The McKinney Arts Commission will present the workshops on Thursday, June 24 and Saturday, June 26 from 9 to 10 a.m. in the Council Chambers at McKinney City Hall, 222 N. Tennessee St.

All applications are due July 21. For groups interested in applying for a grant, the timeline, guidelines and application are ready for review and completion by eligible organizations online at the city's Web site, www.mckinneytexas.org under the Cultural & Recreational Services/Arts Commission section.

"The number of groups applying increases annually, as does the caliber of applications," said Thom Chesney, McKinney Arts Commission Chair. "Our mission is to provide diversity in the arts offered, which continues to be reflected in the variety of groups funded. I believe McKinney's position as a cultural center in North Texas is growing because of the opportunities the Arts Commission provides."

To be conscious of cost and the environment, all applications will be submitted on a CD. Groups may also obtain the timeline, guidelines and application by picking up at McKinney City Hall, 222 N. Tennessee Street, calling 972-547-7501, or emailing mac@mckinneytexas.org.

The Arts Commission serves as the advisory board to the City Council and city management in matters involving the close cooperation between the City and private citizens, institutions and agencies interested in or conducting activities relating to the arts. The commission makes recommendations to the City Council in regard to expenditures of City funds for the purpose of promoting or sustaining the arts in McKinney.

The group reviews the funding proposals from arts programs within the community, and the funding comes from allocations made by the City Council. The commission's mission is to "create a vibrant and viable arts community in which diverse, high-quality arts opportunities are available to McKinney residents and visitors."

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About McKinney

McKinney, Texas, is unique by nature. McKinney has a current population of 122,000 and is one of the fastest-growing cities in the U.S. Incorporated in 1848, the city is located 30 miles north of Dallas and is the county seat of Collin County. McKinney offers rolling hills, lush trees, a historic downtown square and unique neighborhoods and developments. Visit the city's Web site at www.mckinneytexas.org.

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