

# Mentoring Project Grant Application (FY21)

Folk and traditional arts and skills are passed from one person to another and are shaped out of common experiences. Mentoring Project Grants are designed to support the transmission of Wyoming's finest folk and traditional arts and skills through the natural process of in-person, hands-on instruction. A master artist selects an eager apprentice to mentor over time in order to advance the skills of the student. Examples of eligible art forms practiced in Wyoming include, but are not limited to: saddlemaking, cowboy poetry, beading and quill work, quilting, rawhide braiding, pow wow songs and dances, German-Russian Dutch Hop, Mexican ballet folklorico, wood carving, rug braiding, fly tying, Japanese paper arts, and more. Special consideration may be given to first time applicants, endangered art forms, geographic location or artistic discipline. Master and Apprentice apply together and include information about the art form, their skill level, a project outline and work samples.

Up to four projects will be selected for funding at \$3,000 each (\$2,300 for the master artist's honorarium and \$700 for supplies and travel). All project costs over \$3,000 must be paid by the award recipients.

Deadline: May 1, 2020

## Requirements

Applicants must share a common cultural group and the art form must reflect the aesthetics of the shared group.

In-family mentorships are allowed.

Master and apprentice must apply together.

Artists may participate in only one Mentoring Project each year.

Apprentices must be Wyoming residents for at least two years prior to application.

Apprentices should not be younger than 18 years of age.

Apprentices should have some prior experience with the art form at the time of the application.

Apprentices must demonstrate a serious long-term commitment to continuing the art form.

## Not eligible:

Master artists who received a grant last year.

The work of contemporary studio artists or re-creations of historic repertoires or antiques.

Academic research or formal study toward an academic or professional degree.

Projects less than six months.

Workshops or conferences.

Please contact Josh Chrysler at 307-256-2010 or by email at [joshua.chrysler@wyo.gov](mailto:joshua.chrysler@wyo.gov) with questions or for help filling out your application. A printable version can be found on the Arts Council website.

\* Required

## 1. Email address \*

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## Application

## 2. Traditional Art Form \*

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## Master Artist Information

## 3. Name \*

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4. **Phone Number \***

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5. **Email Address \***

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6. **Mailing Address \***

Include city, state, and zip code.

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7. **Website Address**

If applicable.

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## **Master Artist Biography/Artist Statement**

Information related to the Master Artist's experience.

8. **Year and place of birth, places raised. \***

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9. **Where, how, when, and from whom did you learn this tradition? \***

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10. **Where do you usually work on your art, or where do you perform? What do you do with your work? \***

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11. **What is the role or importance of this art to you and your community, ethnic group, or region? \***

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12. Describe your previous teaching experience. \*

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13. Why did you choose this apprenticeship? \*\*

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## Master Artist Support Materials

Work Samples: Examples of the master artist's work are necessary for the panel to evaluate the application. No application will be considered without work samples. Include image, video or sound files. Limit 10 items.

You may include links to websites and copies of print articles.

Materials may also be mailed or emailed to Josh at [joshua.chrysler@wyo.gov](mailto:joshua.chrysler@wyo.gov) and must be postmarked by the deadline date of May 1, 2020.

14. Upload work samples here. Limit 10 items.

Alternately, you may submit work samples directly to [joshua.chrysler@wyo.gov](mailto:joshua.chrysler@wyo.gov), or mail them to the Arts Council.

Files submitted:

## Apprentice Artist Information

15. Name \*

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16. Phone Number \*

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17. Email Address \*

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18. Mailing Address \*

Include city, state, and zip code.

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**19. Web Address**

If applicable.

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**Apprentice Biography/Artist Statement**

Information related to the Apprentice's experience.

**20. Year and place of birth, places raised. \***

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**21. Where, how, when, and from whom did you first learn this tradition? What is your current level of ability? \***

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**22. Why do you want to learn this traditional art or skill? \***

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**23. Why do you want to work with this Master Artist? \***

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**24. What is the role or importance of this art to you and your community, ethnic group or region? \***

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25. What are your plans for working with this art form after the mentorship? \*

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## Apprentice Support Materials

Work Samples: At least one example from each artist is required. Examples of the student artist's work are

necessary for the panel to evaluate the application. No application will be considered without work samples. Include image, video or sound files. Limit 10 items.

You may include links to websites and copies of print articles.

Materials may be also mailed or emailed to the Arts Council and must be postmarked by the deadline date.

26. Upload work samples here. Limit 10 items.

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## Mentoring Project Description

27. Describe the traditional craft, performance or skill you wish to teach. Include what community/group supports your work and what your relationship is to that community/group.

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28. Describe exactly what will be taught during this project. What specific skills will the apprentice learn? What will be accomplished (list of songs, dances, items to be made)? \*

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29. **Where and when will you work together? Describe your schedule for meeting. Include how often, how long and how many are planned. \***

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30. **Project start date: \***

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31. **Project end date: \***

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## **Mentoring Project Budget**

The grant provides \$2300 for the Master Artist Fee and \$700 for Materials and Travel. Additional expenses must be paid by the applicants. The recipient of these funds are responsible for any taxes due.

32. **Materials: Provide a list of the costs for the required supplies/tools. \***

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33. **Travel: List the number of trips (report where to and from and the mileage). Calculate cost using the current state mileage reimbursement of 54 cents per mile). \***

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34. **Total Amount for Materials & Travel (WAC will provide up to \$700 towards this amount). \***

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A copy of your responses will be emailed to the address you provided