



The Liz Swados Inspiration Grant 2019

The Liz Swados Inspiration Grant seeks to honor the late composer, writer, director, and educator by recognizing an influential female music educator in New York City. This \$5,000 fellowship is underwritten by Diane Lane in partnership with the Ziegfeld Club Inc.

Eligibility

- You must identify as a female teacher or teaching artist.
- Your primary field must be music education. (We realize that many teaching artists' work is deeply interdisciplinary; music should be fundamental to your teaching in order to apply for this grant.)
- You must have at least 5 years of teaching experience.
- You must teach at least 20 hours a week.
- You must have both lived and worked in New York City (Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens, the Bronx, or Staten Island) for at least one year prior to the application.

Important Dates

Application opens: Monday, April 29th 2019, at 9:00am EDT

Deadline for applications: Friday, May 24th, 2019 at 11:59pm EDT

Recipient will be notified: June 2019

Note: If you receive this grant, it will be awarded through Fractured Atlas, pending acceptance into their fiscal sponsorship program. For more information about Fractured Atlas and their fiscal sponsorship program, please visit www.fracturedatlas.org

Application

- Resume including at least the past five years of your teaching experience
- Two essay questions (no longer than one page total)
 - What led you to teach music in New York City?
 - What is your music education philosophy?
- Two letters of recommendation
 - One from a past or present employer or colleague
 - One from a past or present student
 - Please submit letters of recommendation in the same email as all other materials.

All application materials must be submitted via Dropbox to submissions@theziegfeldclubinc.com by Friday, May 24th, at 11:59pm EDT.

Please address any additional questions to submissions@theziegfeldclubinc.com.

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I apply for this award? What are the requirements and criteria?

Visit <http://www.theziegfeldclubinc.com/submissions/> for submission guidelines and criteria.

What is the deadline to apply?

The final deadline for all materials is 11:59pm EDT on May 24th, 2019. This deadline includes all letters of recommendation.

Can my recommenders submit their letters independently?

Please submit letters of recommendation in the same email as all other materials.

What is the deadline for letters of recommendation?

The final deadline for all materials, including letters of recommendation, is 11:59 p.m. EDT on May 24th, 2019.

When will the finalists be notified?

Finalists will be notified in June 2019.

Can I apply if I am a teaching artist, not a full-time school teacher?

Yes, teaching artists are encouraged to apply, as long as you live and work in NYC (Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens, the Bronx, Staten Island). Teaching artists must work as a teacher at least 20 hours a week and meet the other eligibility requirements above.

Are educators who work at performing arts companies (rather than in schools) eligible?

Yes, as long as your position is dedicated to music education in NYC.

Can a team of teachers apply?

Each educator must be submitted individually to be considered for the award.

Are retired teachers eligible?

No. The nominee must be a current teacher living in NYC.

Can I submit an inspiring teacher (not myself) as a candidate?

No. Please share this information with the teacher, who can fill out the application herself, and offer to write a letter of recommendation in support of her application.

Can I share on social media?

Yes please spread the word on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Tumblr, and other social media platforms.

Can I apply again next year?

Yes all applicants are welcome to apply again.