

SMAHC is Looking For Grant Panelists

SMAHC currently has 5 grant review panels:

- **Organization Grant Review Panel,**
- **Arts Legacy for Organizations & Communities Grant Review Panel,**
- **Arts & Learning Grant Review Panel.**
- **Individual Artist Grant Review Panel,**
- **Arts Legacy for Established Career Artists**

You may apply to serve on **one or more** of these panels. Below is a synopsis of the grant panel responsibilities. Below that are the dates and times of the panel meetings. You may download the **Grant Review Panelist application form** at http://smahc.org/smahc_panels.htm or contact SMAHC for more information at smahcinfo@iw.net.

SYNOPSIS OF GRANT PANEL RESPONSIBILITIES

About the Panel position:

Term is one year

Appointments are by SMAHC Board decision. The board seeks to find panelists from throughout the SMAHC geographic region representing a balance of members with backgrounds in each of the artistic disciplines and representing artists, arts organizations, schools and the community at large.

About Panel meetings:

- “ Meetings are generally held on Saturdays at the SMAHC office in Marshall at 9:00 A.M.
- “ Meeting length is dependent on number of applications. Agenda will contain time recommendations.
- “ Lunch, snacks, and beverages are provided by SMAHC.
- “ Mileage is reimbursed at .50 cents per mile.
- “ Attendance is crucial (a quorum of five panel members is required).
- “ Panelists must notify staff well in advance if unable to attend.

About Panel responsibilities:

- “ Position is an active, working one.
- “ Responsible for understanding program goals and objectives.
- “ Responsible for reviewing application forms prior to meeting.
- “ Must take active role in reviewing and making recommendations with other members of the panel based on the criteria for the program. The criteria for Arts & Learning, Art Project, Arts Organization Development Grants and Legacy Grants for Organizations are artistic quality and merit of the project, ability to accomplish the project, collaboration and support for the project. The criteria for Individual Artist Grants are: overall excellence of the work and demonstration of exceptional talent, evidence of serious professional commitment, project’s contribution to the artist’s professional growth.
- “ Panelists must declare any conflict of interest at the beginning of each meeting. If a conflict of interest exists, panelists are asked to leave the room during discussion and voting on any application for which a conflict of interest exists.
- “ Panel has only **recommendation** powers. The SMAHC Board of Directors makes final decisions.
- “ Panelists are asked to volunteer to conduct site evaluations of funded projects. Free passes are provided and mileage is reimbursed.
- “ Panelists must agree not to discuss the recommendations of the panel to the board prior to the board action on those recommendations.
- “ An individual cannot serve on the Individual Artist Grant Panel if they are applying for an Individual Artist Grant. An individual cannot serve on the Arts & Learning Grant Panel if they are applying for an Individual Artist Study Opportunity Grant.

FY2011 MEETING SCHEDULES

The starting times are approximate

SMAHC ORGANIZATION GRANT REVIEW PANEL

Art Project and Arts Organization Development Grant Applications			
Round I	Saturday, September 11, 2010	9:00 a.m.	Marshall
Round II	Saturday, March 5, 2011	9:00 a.m.	Marshall

SMAHC ARTS LEGACY FOR ORGANIZATIONS & COMMUNITIES REVIEW PANEL

Arts Legacy for Organizations & Communities Grant Applications			
Round I	Saturday, September 18, 2010	9:00 a.m.	Marshall
Round II	Saturday, February 12, 2011	9:00 a.m.	Marshall

SMAHC ARTS LEGACY FOR ESTABLISHED CAREER ARTISTS REVIEW PANEL

Individual Artist Career & Development Grant Applications *TENTATIVE*			
	Saturday, May 14, 2011	9:00 a.m.	Marshall

SMAHC INDIVIDUAL ARTIST GRANT REVIEW PANEL

Individual Artist Career & Development Grant Applications *TENTATIVE*			
	Saturday, January 8, 2011	9:00 a.m.	Marshall

SMAHC ARTS & LEARNING GRANT REVIEW PANEL

Arts & Learning Grant Applications Also reviews Art Study Opportunity for Youth Applications			
Round I	Saturday, November 6, 2010	9:00 a.m.	Marshall
Round II	Saturday, April 30, 2011	9:00 a.m.	Marshall