

IOWA ARTS COUNCIL

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS

The Iowa Arts Council strives to create opportunities for the arts to flourish in Iowa by nurturing cultural leadership and investing in projects that provide access to arts experiences in communities and public spaces throughout Iowa.



Whittling Klubb Activity, Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum

FOLK ARTS IN THE CLASSROOM

Folk Arts in the Classroom provides the opportunity for one social studies teacher and one fine arts teacher from ten different Iowa schools to receive continuing education credit while working together to learn about folk and traditional arts and to create integrated curriculum that incorporates the practices into the classroom. Led by master social studies and fine arts educators, participating teachers will learn about the definition of folk arts, receive training on curriculum development, have the opportunity to workshop their own integrated curriculum based on the program, and learn about the resources offered by Iowa's cultural institutions. Activities include two, day-long visits to Iowa cultural heritage organizations, folk arts classes and presentations by museum professionals. The program is supported by the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

TIMELINE

- **December 1, 2019** - Deadline to Submit Application
- **June 10-11, 2020** - The program will take place at the National Czech and Slovak Museum in Cedar Rapids on June 10, 2020 and at the Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum in Decorah on June 11, 2020.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Current, social studies or fine arts educator at an Iowa public or private K-12 school whose primary orientation, mission and purpose is education and the awarding of academic credits. A social studies and fine arts educator from the same school must apply for the program and both must be legal Iowa residents.

PROGRAM BENEFITS

In addition to the folk and traditional arts learning opportunities provided by the program, the following will be provided to each educator for participation in the program.

- **Continuing Education Credit** - One continuing education credit through the Iowa State Education Association will be provided at no cost to the social studies and fine arts educators upon completion of the program.
- **Lodging and Travel Stipend** - A stipend to offset the cost of lodging and mileage at the state rate will be provided to each participant for participation in the program.
- **Meals** - Social studies and fine arts educators will be provided meals during the time spent at each venue.

PROGRAM EXPECTATIONS

The social studies and fine arts educators will be expected to participate in 15 hours of class time and complete necessary coursework to receive the continuing education credit through the ISEA. Educators are expected to provide their own transportation to and from program activities.

CONTACT

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