

## **FAQ: Texas Commission on the Arts Funding Jiaan Powers' Storytelling Programs**

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**Q. Who is eligible for Texas Commission on the Arts (TCA) funding?**

**A.** Any Texas school, library, or non-profit organization may apply for support funds for performances for public or school audiences.

**Q. How do I book a performing artist?**

**A.** The **presenter** (you) consults with the **artist** (me) to determine what costs are included in the fee. Next you enter into a formal contractual agreement with me specifying the date(s) of the engagement and the fee. Then I send a contract to you. A copy of the signed contract is a required attachment for your TCA grant.

**Q. Does TCA have a grant program for this?**

**A.** Yes, **Arts Respond Performance Support** allows you to apply for a portion of the touring artist's fees. Grants are funded on a sliding scale based on a percentage of contracted fees ranging from 30% - 50%. Funding is also dependent on the availability of TCA dollars, which can reduce the amount awarded.

**Q. How do I apply to TCA?**

**A.** Speak to a Program Staff member and sign up for a user name and password by calling TCA at 512/463-5535 ext 0. Then go online at [www.arts.state.tx.us](http://www.arts.state.tx.us) and search under the **Grant Information** section under the **Arts Respond Performance Support**.

**Q. When is the grant application deadline?**

**A.** Deadline depends on the performance date. See dates below. You can always apply before your performance deadline.

**Important to remember!** Applications must be submitted electronically by midnight on the day of the deadline in order to be eligible. You must provide a copy of the signed contract between your organization and the performing artist. Funding decisions are made at the Commission's quarterly board meetings.

**Quarterly deadline:**

**August 1**  
**November 1**  
**February 1**  
**May 1**

**Performances occurring:**

September 1 – December 14  
December 15 – March 14  
March 15 – June 14  
June 15 – August 31