



January 25, 2012

To: Traditional Artists

From: Anne Kimzey

Re: Reminder of Sept. 4 deadline for Folk Arts Apprenticeship grant applications

The Alabama Folk Arts Apprenticeship Program offers grants to **individuals** for teaching the traditional folk arts of Alabama. The grants can go to master artists to teach their skills to students, or to apprentices who apply to work with a particular teacher. This program has supported teaching in art forms as diverse as Sacred Harp singing, old-time fiddling, blues, traditional dance, folk pottery, oak basketry, willow furniture making, and pine straw basketry.

Please, find the enclosed application form. If you are qualified and want to teach a folk art skill, **you and your student(s)** will need to fill out the application form and send a CD or tape of your music, a DVD or video of dance, or photographs or examples of craft items. Please, return the completed application and samples of the master artist's work (CD, DVD, tapes, photos, or objects) by the September 4 deadline. **These must be in our office by 5 pm on Tuesday, September 4, 2012 to be considered.** Master artists have typically asked for \$1,500-3,000 for teaching. This money can cover any costs to the teacher and the student(s) during the period between January 1, 2013 and September 30, 2013.

The applications will be judged on a competitive basis. **The entire form must be filled out and the application signed and dated to be considered eligible.** (Note: while attachments are welcome, they are not a substitute for filling out the actual form. Panelists will read the grant applications in advance, but may or may not ask to see attachments during the judging process.) **Samples of work are a must.** We will assist in every way possible with samples, but we are not ultimately responsible for this eligibility requirement. Our review process will take most of the fall. We will send you a letter in early December telling you if you have received a grant.

Contact Anne Kimzey with any questions at 334/242-4076, x-236. anne.kimzey@arts.alabama.gov
A fillable pdf application form is available at: <http://arts.state.al.us/grants/index-grants.html> .

Note to previous applicants: At the request of our panel of judges, we have revised the grant application form to include information on the apprentices as well as the master. From one to five apprentices may be included in the application and each apprentice should fill out a separate page. Continuing students will need to provide work samples. Also, due to the high number of applicants and the need to bring new artists into this program, it is the general policy of the Council that artists who have received three consecutive years of funding must wait two years before reapplying.