



The Susan Riley **Elevation** Award

Honoring educators and organizations who elevate arts integration and STEAM for everyone around them

AWARD AMOUNT

Up to \$1,000

PROJECT TIMELINE

6 months

APPLICANTS

Educators & teams

Who can apply

Individual educators, teaching artists, school teams, or educational organizations actively working in arts integration or STEAM contexts.

What we're looking for

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Project description: A clearly written description that includes the need your project addresses, a detailed explanation of the project, and the specific outcomes you hope to achieve.

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Priority area alignment: Your project must align with at least one of these areas:

SCHOLARSHIP

Connects academic research to real-world application by utilizing evidence-based strategies to solve challenges and expand pedagogical knowledge.

SYSTEMS INTEGRATION

Strengthens the educational ecosystem by building sustainable partnerships, refining instructional systems, or creating cohesive, cross-disciplinary curricula.

ARTS ACCESS

Bridges the equity gap by providing learners with high-quality, authentic live arts experiences which are integrated directly into curriculum.

VISION

Demonstrates forward-thinking leadership that breaks new ground, creating scalable models or foundational opportunities for arts integration and STEAM to thrive.

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Itemized budget: Submit an itemized budget with a brief narrative explaining each projected expense and how it serves your project goals.

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Measure of success: Include at least one way you'll assess impact. Possible examples include reflection tools, participation surveys, pre/post assessments, documentation of learning outcomes, or another appropriate evaluation method.

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Dissemination & Impact: To ensure widespread learning, the winning project and evaluation will be featured to a national audience via [The CRAFT](#). Recipients agree to attend the 2027 Creativity Connected Conference or provide a video summary detailing their project experience, key takeaways, and observed impact.

Timeline

September 1

Applications open

Start building your proposal

October 1

Application closes

All submissions due by end of day

November 1

Winner announced

Project work begins

November 1 - May 1

Project completion

All work must be completed within this window

Award funds must be used exclusively to support the proposed project and may not directly benefit the applicant monetarily.
Applications available September 1 at artsintegration.com