

# 2018 Title I ESSA Conference

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*Call for Student Talent!*



The School Excellence Unit of the Arizona Department of Education is excited to offer their annual ESSA Conference, your one-stop-shop for federal grant program needs! This year's theme "Student-Focused, Well-Rounded Education" celebrates the wonderful programming and innovative solutions our schools are providing for our students.

## **Seeking Student Talent**

We are seeking to showcase our talented students and successful Title I programs.

### **Calling all K-12 Visual Artists and 6<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> grade Performing Artists!**

Now is your opportunity to present or perform at the ESSA Conference!

Student *visual art work* will be displayed throughout the venue, and select *performing arts* students will be invited to perform at scheduled times throughout the event. ADE believes that the arts are at the *heart of a well-rounded education*, and it is our goal to showcase Title I Schools who exemplify an artful education.

Our conference this year will be held in conjunction with the semi-annual "Joint Arts Education Conference" which will be held on November 13<sup>th</sup> and feature the theme "Student-Led Arts Education" making this a truly eventful showcase opportunity!

This year's ESSA Conference will be at the beautiful El Conquistador Resort and Event Center in Tucson Arizona on November 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>!

## Visual Arts Eligibility

Any Title I school or program in Arizona is eligible to enter, including High Schools that serve incoming Title I Middle School students. Art Work must be dropped off or mailed to our Arts Education Office no later than 5:00 pm on Wednesday October 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Artwork must be themed around “Well-Rounded” or “Complete/Full Education.”**

***Possible prompt: “How do the Arts contribute to your learning?”***

**ALL Entries must be submitted with name and contact information of the school, name and grade level of the student artist, and name of the Arts Instructor. This information must be attached to the front of the piece where it can be easily viewed, as well as securely listed on the back of the piece.**

All **visual media** – including sculpture, paintings and drawings, collage, photography, and mixed media artworks – are eligible for entry!

We request that schools identify a total of **three** entries **per grade-band** to be submitted to ADE.

Eligible Grade-bands:

K-2

3-5

6-8

9-12 (High schools may elect to submit 1 artwork per grade)

**Example: for grade band K-2, a school may enter 1 Kindergarten artwork, 1 1<sup>st</sup> grade artwork, and 1 2<sup>nd</sup> grade artwork, OR they could submit any combination of three across each grade.**

Artwork **MUST** be delivered or mailed by the LEA or school (no parent submissions allowed).

The Arizona Department of Education will not be responsible for lost or damage artwork, and the agency reserves the right to make final judgment as to whether submitted pieces will be displayed. Selected schools will be notified.

Artwork will be available for retrieval beginning December 3<sup>rd</sup> through December 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 pm. Artwork not collected during this time will be redistributed for display throughout the department.

Artworks should be addressed to:

**Arizona Department of Education  
ESSA Conference, Bin #32  
Attn: Dustin Loehr, Director of Arts Education  
1535 W. Jefferson St.  
Phoenix, AZ 85007**

## Performing Arts Eligibility

**6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade** Performing Arts students are encouraged to apply for a performance opportunity at the 2018 ESSA Conference. Performances should be geared toward the theme “*Well-Rounded*” or “*Complete/Full Education.*” Possible prompts: “How do the Arts contribute to your education? How do the Arts make you whole? How do the arts empower you to express your knowing?”

Submissions must consist of content appropriate for school aged children. All performing arts disciplines and all sizes of ensembles are encouraged to apply. **Performing Arts groups should complete the digital application and performance information sheet.**

There are 6-8 performance slots available. The Arizona Department of Education reserves the right to screen performances prior to the November Conference. **ALL applicants must submit, along with their application, a 1 minute video sample of the intended performance, or a performance of similar quality.**

ADE will require finalists to complete a photo/video release form. Transportation to and from the event are the responsibility of the school/LEA.

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