



The National Endowment for the Arts is the only funder, public or private, that supports the arts in all **50 States** in the United States.

**In the past 5 years...** The National Endowment for the Arts distributed more than **\$5,465,800** in grants in **Alabama**.



In one year alone...

- Arts and cultural production in Alabama added **2.3%**, or **\$4.6 billion** to the state's economy.
- Alabama's arts and cultural industries employ **46,732** workers. These workers earn wages and benefits totaling **\$2.4 billion**.
- **16.2%** of Alabama's adults attended live music, theater, or dance performances, while **13.3%** attended art exhibits.

### National Endowment for the Arts Programs from FY16-FY18

The **Blue Star Museums** program provided free admission to thousands of active military personnel and their families at **76 participating museums** in Alabama.

The **Poetry Out Loud** is a national competition which develops communication skills, presence, and confidence through the study, memorization, and public recitation of poetry. In Alabama, over **15,630 students** participated from among **82** high schools.

The **Big Read** program generated **69** community events focused on reading outstanding American literature and involving more than **4,430** adults and students in Alabama.

The **Shakespeare in American Communities** program enabled schools in Alabama to offer **18,400** children the opportunity to see free live professional performances of Shakespeare.

The **Creative Forces** program is expanding access to creative arts therapies and arts engagement opportunities for injured service members, veterans, and their families and caregivers.



### 2019 Agency Calendar of Events

**Blue Star Museums: Armed Forces Day (5/18) - Labor Day (9/2)**

**June Meeting of the National Council on the Arts: 6/19-6/21**

**National Book Festival: 8/31**

**National Heritage Fellows Awards & Concert: 9/18-9/20**

**October Meeting of the National Council on the Arts: 10/24-10/25**





## NOTEWORTHY

### Examples of Schools & Organizations Receiving Past Endowment Support Include:

#### AL-1

*Mobile Symphony  
Alabama Southern Community College  
Grove Hill Arts Council*

#### AL-2

*US Army Aviation Museum  
Wiregrass Museum of Art  
Troy University*

#### AL-3

*Lakeview Christian School  
Tuskegee Institute Middle School  
Saks Elementary School*

#### AL-4

*Oakman Middle School  
Northridge High School  
Cullman Ballet Society*

#### AL-5

*Bob Jones High School  
Everest Academy  
Oakwood Academy*

#### AL-6

*Alabama Craft Council  
Indian Springs School  
Samford University*

#### AL-7

*Alabama Blues Project  
McWane Science Center  
Holy Spirit Catholic High School*

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