The National Endowment for the Arts advances arts education across the country by funding initiatives, publishing research, and maintaining partnerships that lay the foundation for lifelong learning.

**ARTS EDUCATION AND THE ARTS ENDOWMENT**

The National Endowment for the Arts supports arts learning, both in and out of the classroom, as a way to develop creative thinking skills and inspire self-expression. On average each year:  

- **$5.6 M** of that supports 101 pre-K–12 arts education projects  
- **>$9 M** funded 223 grants to support lifelong learning.

The Arts Endowment provides financial resources, leadership and support to ensure our nation’s youth have access to educational opportunities that will help them learn and be active and participatory citizens.

**ARTS EDUCATION AND ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT**

National Endowment for the Arts research shows that arts education helps students succeed throughout their academic careers and their lives. Arts education is associated with many positive, long-term academic, social, and workforce benefits.

- **8-12th grade students** from low socioeconomic backgrounds who received arts education were 3x more likely to earn a bachelor’s degree than students who lacked those experiences.
- **77.5%** of arts education projects (pre-K–12) directly engaged under-served populations.
- Students from low socioeconomic backgrounds who have access to the arts in or out of school are more likely to:
  - Set higher career goals  
  - Have higher STEM scores  
  - Volunteer more

**ARTS EDUCATION IS KEY TO THE CREATIVE ECONOMY**

Arts and cultural production contribute $877.8 B to the US economy. The National Endowment for the Arts supports arts education projects (pre-K–12) directly engaged under-served populations.

- **>5 M** Americans work in the arts and cultural industries, including Broadcasting, Movies, Performing Arts, and Creative Advertising.

Arts education helps prepare the next generation of the creative economy.

The arts are a fundamental part of American lives and American education, and arts education can transform students, schools, and communities. The National Endowment for the Arts is helping ensure Americans of all ages have opportunities to learn, create, and grow.