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THE COLONY CULTURAL ARTS BOARDS ACCEPTING GRANT REQUESTS FOR ARTS FUNDING

The Cultural Arts Board for the City of The Colony is accepting grant requests for the 2011-2012 budget year.

The Cultural Arts Board is an advisory board to the City Council charged with encouragement, promotion, improvement, application, and participation in the arts and humanities in the City of The Colony. This includes promoting the performing arts, visual arts, literature and local culture and heritage; and the nurturing of local artists, performers, historians, writers, artisans, or other similar persons. The City of The Colony, through the Cultural Arts Board, provides annual funding to Arts applicants.

Applications will be approved and evaluated by the Cultural Arts Board, the City Manager and the City Attorney to determine if the event meets the proper criteria. Events must provide a benefit to the community; if applicable, there must be an opportunity for The Colony citizens to participate in the program; and the applicant must have the ability to manage and produce the proposed event. The final criterion to be judged is the artistic merit and quality of the proposed program.

In order to qualify for funding, any proposed program, event or exhibition must take place within the city limits of The Colony. Events may only be held outside of the city limits of The Colony with express approval of the City Council.

Applications must be submitted no less than fourteen days prior to the December, March, OR June Cultural Arts Board Meeting. Monthly meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month at City Hall or other locations as announced. If you wish to request HOT funding through CAB please complete the Grant Funding Request form and submit to Board Staff Liaison Brant Shallenburger at bshallenburger@thecolonytx.gov. Shallenburger can also be reached at 972-624-3108 for any questions or comments. Grant applications may be found online at the city's website, <http://thecolonytx.gov/Boards/Arts/CulturalArtsBoard.html>.

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