



GENERATION BLUES

The Blues Foundation's Generation Blues Education Grant FY 2025-2026

The Blues Foundation (TBF) is committed to working in partnership with qualified Affiliates and Arts Organizations to expand appreciation of blues music and its history by providing structured educational programming to young people. TBF will offer a limited number of competitive Generation Blues Education Grants to Affiliate organizations and Arts Organizations whose multi-disciplinary, experiential blues education programs present the historical context of early blues music, underscore the contemporary relevance of the blues, stimulate intellectual advancement, and/or encourage cultural understanding.

Eligible organizations must be 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt and have current membership with The Blues Foundation.

Successful applicants will meet most of the following criteria:

- Identifies educational programming as a primary objective in the Affiliate's or Arts Organization's strategic plan
- Has a confirmed partnership with a school, community center, or grassroots organization
- Has a written education plan that includes clear educational objectives
- Engages underserved populations (defined as communities of color, low-moderate income, rural, and urban communities)
- Confirmed Child Protection clearances and required background checks

Organization Information

*Organization Name:

Year founded:

*Year incorporated:

*Federal 9-Digit EIN (Organization):

*Organizational Fiscal Year End Date (Organization):

*Contact Name: Contact Title:

*Contact Email Address:

Contact Phone Number:

*Website:

Facebook:

Instagram:



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*Physical/Mailing Street Address:

*Physical/Mailing City:

*Physical/Mailing State:

*Physical/Mailing 9-Digit Zip:



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Project Description

*Project / Event Title:

*Funding Sources:

Please note other sources of funding available, funding being sought, or funding to be matched by you.

*Project / Event Start Date:

*Project / Event End Date:

*Total Amount Requested for Project / Event:

Grant Narrative

Generation Blues Education Grant Narrative Tips

A clear, concise grant narrative is a crucial element in determining the grant award. Compelling narratives will address pertinent aspects of the following:

1. What are your goals for this project and how will you monitor progress toward achieving them?
2. Explain how the project aligns with one or more of the objectives highlighted in The Blues Foundation's mission and the Generation Blues Education Grant goals.
3. Describe how this project will engage and benefit your local music community and/or the community at large.

*Description:

Please concisely describe the project for which you are requesting Generation Blues Education support. Please provide a description, purpose, timetable, and goals for the project. Please explain how this project will impact the beneficiaries and the community and how the outcomes of the project will be evaluated or measured. (1,000-word max)



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***Project Impact**

How many individuals and/or organizations do you estimate will be impacted by this project?

***Project Impact: Low-Moderate Income**

What percentage of the individuals impacted do you estimate to be low- to moderate-income families? If you do not know, note "DNK."

***Number of Youth Engaged:**



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Financial Information - Budget

Please complete the below budget or submit your project budget if different than requested amount.

Expenses	Explanation	Amount Requested
1. Artist and Teacher Fees		
2. Supplies and Printing		
3. Equipment Rental		
4. Other		
5. Total Amount Requested		

Required Documents

- IRS 501c3 determination letter
- Board of Directors
- Financial Statements – Current and Prior Year
- Project Budget

Assurances

The Applicant assures The Blues Foundation that (1) the activities and services for which assistance is sought will be administered by or under the supervision of the applicant, (2) the applicant will expend funds received as a result of this application solely for the described project or program, and (3) by signing this application, the Applicant hereby assures and certifies that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794), the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. 6101 et seq.), the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101-12213) and, where applicable, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.) as well as all regulations of the National Endowment for the Arts issued pursuant to these statutes and that it immediately will take any measures necessary to comply.



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Individual or Project Director for the Organization must certify here:

Name and Title (if applicable):

Entering my name and title, and clicking the "I certify" checkbox, constitutes my signature acknowledging my awareness of the above assurances and my commitment to implementing this project in accordance with them.

*I certify:
