

MAAE's Fine Arts Education Week
Capitol Rotunda performances

Missouri Citizens for the Arts
ADVOCACY AGENDA FY2028

In FY28, Missouri Citizens for the Arts requests:

- $10.1 million to the Missouri Arts Council Trust Fund
- 10% of A&E Tax to four cultural partners
- $1 million to the 2027 Missouri Fine Arts & Missouri Scholars Academies



Students from across the state create a mural during the 2026 Missouri Fine Arts Academy

$1.725 billion in economic activity

13,356 jobs across the field

Generated by Missouri nonprofit arts and culture organizations across the state.

Creativity and shared experience

The arts help Missourians build:

- Understanding
- Communication
- Resilience

Foundations of strong, connected communities



Senate 32 | House 161
C2C Arts Advocacy at the Capitol

Source: Arts & Economic Prosperity 6 (a comprehensive economic and social impact study of the U.S. nonprofit arts and culture industry).

✓ Missouri Arts Council funded projects in 100% of House and Senate districts

WHAT IS THE NONRESIDENT PROFESSIONAL ATHLETE AND ENTERTAINERS' TAX?

- Required by statute (Section 143.183 RSMo)
- 60% of the Non-Resident Athletes and Entertainers Tax (A&E Tax) should be allocated to the Missouri Arts Council Trust Fund.

- FY26 Collections: $40.2M
- FY26 Allocation to the Missouri Arts Council: only $10.1M (25%)
- 60% required by statute is $24.1M

THE ARTS MAKE MISSOURI A BETTER PLACE TO:

- *LIVE*
- *LEARN*
- *WORK*
- *VISIT*
- *DO BUSINESS*



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Senate 15 | House 89 - St. Louis Children's Choirs

Missouri Arts Council

Missouri Citizens for the Arts urges the Governor and Legislature to restore the $10.1 million in the Missouri Arts Council Trust Fund, to sustain arts programs statewide, reach underserved districts, and support new initiatives.

A&E Tax Cultural Partners

MCA supports the current cultural partners distribution formula, which calls for each of the partners to receive 10% of the A&E tax, as required by the statute.

Arts Education in Missouri Schools

MCA and the Missouri Alliance for Arts Education support quality fine arts education for all PK-12 students, including music, visual arts, theatre, media arts, and dance. Arts education builds empathy, critical thinking, problem-solving, and academic achievement. They also support full funding for the school foundation formula and transportation fund, and expanding STEM legislation to include the Arts through STEAM.

Missouri Fine Arts Academy

MCA requests $1 million for the Missouri Fine Arts Academy, a two-week summer program at Missouri State University for motivated high school students studying visual arts, theatre, dance, creative writing, and music. Funding will help ensure students with limited financial means can participate.

Capital Improvements Projects

MCA supports state funding for capital improvement projects for arts and cultural facilities in Missouri.



Senate 30 | House 132
Springfield Ballet - Dance Chance



Senate 27 | House 147
Arts Council of Southeast Missouri



Senate 19 | House 45
TRYPS Children's Theater

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MEET OUR CULTURAL PARTNERS

- Missouri State Library Networking Fund
- Missouri Humanities Council Trust Fund
- Missouri Public Broadcasting Corporation Special Fund
- Missouri Historic Preservation Revolving Fund