



**The Stafford County Museum and Cultural Center,
in cooperation with the Stafford Education Foundation,
Presents**

School Historic Mural Grant



Mural and Photo by Gabriel Pons

Project Vision

In order to promote local history in our schools, the **Stafford County Museum and Cultural Center** is partnering with the **Stafford Education Foundation** to offer grants to Stafford County Public Schools to paint historic murals in their buildings. Murals could focus on school, community, or county history and should be age and culturally appropriate. Schools will submit information to include the design, mural artist, placement in the building, budget, and timeline for completion.

Purpose

School Historic Mural Grants provide schools with the opportunity to promote and celebrate school, community, or county history in our schools to build community awareness and beautify our school buildings.

Eligibility

All PreK-12 Public Schools in Stafford County Public Schools are eligible to apply for a School Historic Mural Grant. Preference will be given to schools who have not previously received a grant.

Timetable

Application Deadline: **Friday, June 2, 2023**

The Stafford Education Foundation will accept applications to the Foundation via a google form through 5 p.m. Friday, June 2, 2023. Recipients of grants (Project Coordinators and their school Principals) should expect notification by June 15.

The grant is for projects commencing in the summer of 2023, with completion occurring 2023-2024 school year. Each Project Coordinator must agree to submit a rendering of the final mural proposal for committee approval. In addition, Project Coordinators should submit a brief report and images to the Foundation at the mid-term and completion of their project, describing the project and evaluating its effectiveness. Applicants are urged to host a public unveiling of the new mural upon completion. Please note that artists will also be required to recognize the Stafford County Museum and Cultural Center and the Stafford Education Foundation by placing the organization logos in the corner of the mural.

Criteria

(10) Grants up to \$4,000 will be awarded to individual Stafford County Public Schools who seek to collaborate with appropriate stakeholders and may partner with a local artist to create a mural to be installed in their school building or on their school grounds. The grant funds will support all aspects of visioning, materials/supplies, and labor costs for the artist. Schools may submit only one grant application for funding through the School Historic Mural Grant program in this round.

The proposal will be reviewed on the following components:

- Historical Accuracy
- Quality of Theme/Message
- Artistic Design
- Age and Cultural Appropriateness

Successful Grant projects should do the following:

- Promote school, community, and/or county history in our schools
- Build community awareness and celebrate Stafford County history
- Communicate historical accuracy
- Support student learning
- Be innovative, creative, and thoughtful to the school community & culture

Project Coordinator & Team

Each school should designate a Project Coordinator that will oversee the school's Grant application and project. The Project Coordinator should lead the Project team, including key stakeholders who have input into the project. Suggested team members might include, but are not limited to: Principal/administrators, Equity and Family Advocates, art teacher(s), social

studies teacher(s), students, parents, community members, and historical experts. We encourage students to be included in the stakeholder group. This experience may also provide an opportunity for selected students to develop project management experiences. The Project Coordinator will also be the primary communicator to a local artist if the school team chooses to engage a local artist in this project.

Application Process

- Schools interested in applying for a School Historic Mural Grant should do so via the [Google Form](#) application.
- This [application](#) can also be found on the [Stafford Education Foundation's website](#).

Applications must be submitted by 5 p.m. on Friday, June 2, 2023.

Points of Contacts

- If you have any questions about the application/process, please contact stafforeducationfoundation@staffordschools.net.
- For support with historical research, please contact Sue Henderson at suehenderson@earthlink.net.
- For support with identifying local artists, please contact Sue Henderson at suehenderson@earthlink.net.
- For support with equity, please contact Roxana Bandes-Muldoon at mccarthyrb@staffordschools.net.

APPLICATION FOR 2022 SCHOOL HISTORIC MURAL GRANTS

Applicants should have the following information when they are ready to apply for the School Historic Mural Grant. Applicants will NOT have the option to save and return to the application after it has been started in Google.

A. GENERAL INFORMATION

- (1) School
- (2) Project Title
- (3) Project Coordinator Name & Title
(Each school should have a "Project Coordinator" for this project. Schools may submit only one grant application for funding through the School Mural Grant program)
- (4) Coordinator Preferred Communication Method (Phone or Email)
- (5) Coordinator Contact Information
- (6) Total Grant Amount Requested (up to \$4,000)

B. DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

- (1) Briefly describe your project, theme, and/or vision. How will the project meet the "criteria" for the School Historic Mural Grant program? (see information sheet for criteria)
- (2) Please upload a preliminary sketch of the mural design so that feedback may be provided.
- (3) Please list the Team/Committee members and their proposed roles, including the Artist(s).
- (4) School Principal Verification Statement. Please indicate who has approved this application. (School Principals/Site Administrators must review all grant applications prior to submission.)
- (5) Briefly describe how the School Principal will support, assist, and/or encourage this project.
- (6) Provide budget information. How will you utilize the grant's funds and when will you spend the funds?
- (7) Provide a proposed project timeline that includes key milestones. **Project must be completed during the 2023-2024 school year.**
- (8) Please feel free to briefly summarize any additional information you think would be helpful.
- (9) The final project renderings will need to be approved by an external committee prior to the artist beginning the physical labor. Please provide a signature for agreement to these terms.

[**CLICK HERE TO APPLY VIA GOOGLE FORM**](#)