Creative Excellence Grants Program

Supported Fields:

Music (12-30; age requirements vary depending on discipline)
- Strings (violin, viola, cello, bass)*
- Winds (flute, clarinet, oboe, bassoon, trumpet, trombone, horn, tuba)*
- Harp*
- Piano
- Jazz
- Early Music
- Guitar & mandolin
- Percussion
- Voice
- Composition
- Conducting

*music auditions take place every two years depending on the field. Two-year grants are awarded. The fields marked with an * will audition in 2019.

Arts (under the age of 35; in the final year of a 3 or 4-year degree program)
- Fine Arts
- Visual Communications
- Industrial Design
- Fashion & Jewelry Design

Theater (under the age of 28; in the 2nd year of a 3-year theater degree program)
- Acting

Dance (13-25, age requirements depend on gender and style)
- Modern
- Classical

Timeline:

Registration:
December-January: Music & Dance
March-April: Theater
May-June: Visual Art

Auditions/Interviews:
March: Dance
April-June: Music
July: Theater
October: Visual Arts

Notifications:
August: Music, Dance, Theater
November: Visual Arts

Required confirmation of studies and additional documents must be submitted by new recipients in order to receive grants.

Deadlines:
September: Music, Dance, Theater
November: Arts

Disbursement of Grants
October: Music, Dance, Theater
December: Visual Arts

Jury
- All candidates are assessed by 3 independent judges, specific to each field and discipline.
- Each jury is comprised of top artists in their field with significant careers in Israel and/or abroad.
- Each year approximately 40 judges participate in the evaluation process across all fields.

Connecting with Donors
- Each recipient is matched with a donor in the Fall of each year, after the grant notification process is complete.
- Before the end of the year, each donor receives a personal acknowledgement letter from the recipient(s) who they supported through their donation.

Abroad Grants Program
Eligibility
1. Under the age of 28
2. Former recipient of an AICF Creative Excellence (Sharett) Grant
3. Enrolled in a degree program abroad for the coming academic year (bachelor’s, master’s, doctorate, or diploma)
4. 2018-19 requirements: in the field of classical music in the following categories: piano, strings, winds, brass, voice

Process
- Online registration, including providing unedited video recordings (Winter)
- Assessment by the Jury (Spring)
- Notification of Grants (Summer)
Jury
Top-caliber Israeli musicians assess the applicants and make recommendations for grants.

Timeframes and requirements are subject to change. For the most up-to-date information, please refer to the grants page in each field on the Israeli website: www.aicf.org.il