



**Are you an artist or nonprofit arts administrator practicing or working in Chicago's South Side?**

## **APPLY for free admission to AFTA 2015**

*(Sponsored by the University of Chicago's Office of Civic Engagement)*

### **Americans for the Arts 2015 Convention**

June 12-14, 2015 – Chicago, IL

**Deadline to apply: May 15<sup>th</sup> 2015 by 12 CST**



#### **The Convention**

For nearly 60 years, Americans for the Arts (AFTA) has convened an annual convention for arts and community leaders to network and discuss strategies for building stronger towns, counties, and cities through the arts. In 2015, more than 1,100 will gather at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers for the [AFTA Convention](#) to network, learn, share best practices, and experience the arts and cultural sector in Chicago. Through panel discussions, workshops, discussions, debates, keynote addresses, and more, the AFTA Convention will bring together a diverse cross-section of national thought leaders in cultural research and public policy, and from the nation's cultural sector as well as philanthropic, business, and corporate community.

#### **Why You Should Apply**

This is a unique opportunity for local artists and nonprofit arts administrators from Chicago's South Side to share thoughts and ideas, learn best practices from leaders in the field, discuss the most relevant issues facing the sector, and engage with peers from across the country. The AFTA Convention will provide insight, inspiration, and experience we hope will strengthen the arts and cultural sector in the South Side. A complete schedule for the AFTA Convention 2015 can be found [here](#).

#### **Sponsorships**

The University of Chicago's Office of Civic Engagement will be sponsoring admission to the AFTA Convention from June 12-14 for five (5) individual artists and five (5) nonprofit arts administrators.

#### **Eligibility**

Eligible applicants should be either an individual artist or nonprofit arts administrator working or practicing on Chicago's South Side (with a preference for the neighborhoods of Grand Crossing, South Shore, Woodlawn, Washington Park, Hyde Park, Kenwood, Grand Boulevard, Oakland, and Douglas)

#### **Requirements for Application**

- Complete application form [here](#)
- **Artists:** send artist statement to [nlevando@uchicago.edu](mailto:nlevando@uchicago.edu) (resume/cv optional)
- **Nonprofit Arts Administrators:** send resume or cv to [nlevando@uchicago.edu](mailto:nlevando@uchicago.edu)
- **Both:** send artist statement and resume/cv to [nlevando@uchicago.edu](mailto:nlevando@uchicago.edu)

For any questions related to the application, please contact the Office of Civic Engagement: [binman@uchicago.edu](mailto:binman@uchicago.edu)  
For more details on the AFTA Convention, please visit their website: [convention.artsusa.org/](http://convention.artsusa.org/)