

League of Women Voters of New York State

Guidelines for Local League Applications to the New York Council for the Humanities

The NY Council for the Humanities has two programs that local Leagues can use for support of Suffrage related events. Given that local Leagues are organized as 501©4 organizations and the Council is geared toward programs for 501©3 organizations, we have received the following instructions from the Council about how your applications should be completed. Please follow all guidelines of the Council when filling out your application and also pay attention to the other items listed below.

1. **Public Scholars Program**—This is the newest Council program and “promotes vibrant public humanities engagement across New York State by offering a selection of dynamic, compelling presentations facilitated by humanities scholars.” In this program, you pay the designated application fee and, if your application is accepted, the Council sends one of their speakers to your event and covers the cost of the speaker.

The Public Scholars program has two types of applications:

- **General event applications** include the proposed event date and time, but do not specify a certain presentation or Scholar. These applications are slightly less expensive (\$75). The Council will suggest a scholar & presentation for you based on scholar availability and fit.
- **Specific event applications** are a request for a specific scholar and the specific presentation title you are interested in hosting. These events have a \$100 fee. You may specify up to three presentation titles you are interested in. If you are only interested in one, list only one. If your application is approved, The Council will work to fill your request in the order of preference you've supplied.

Application fees for this program can be paid for from your grants management account with the LWVNYS Education Foundation.

When applying for the Public Scholars program at the local League level, the LWVNYS Education Foundation must be your “fiscal sponsor.” So, you will list your League name and contact information but use the tax exempt letter and DUNS number from the state League. When you are completing your application, contact the state League office at (518) 465-4162 or laura@lwvny.org for these items.

Please note: Public Scholars programs must be open to the general public so you cannot apply for this program unless you plan to open it to your full community and advertise it as such.

2. **Grants for Suffrage educational programs**—Grant support is awarded to nonprofits that inspire New Yorkers to explore what it means to be human. Through two competitive grant programs, the Council offers nimble and responsive grants to support the diverse arts and culture sector of New York State
 - **Vision Grants:** \$1,500 to develop your ideas for public humanities programs that are built in partnership with your community:
<http://www.nyhumanities.org/grants/vision/index.php>
 - **Action Grants:** \$5,000 to launch humanities programs that are dynamic and address meaningful issues across the state: <http://www.nyhumanities.org/grants/action/index.php>

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To find out more about each of these programs, please visit the Council’s website at:
<http://www.nyhumanities.org/>.