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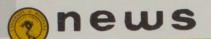
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ARTISTS MAY APPLY FOR APPRENTICESHIPS

A regional apprenticeship program for artists will be launched in January with the aid of about \$13,500 of a \$75,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to the Federation of Rocky Mountain States.

At least 10 apprenticeships will be available in the region, according to Montana's member of the FRMS Arts and Humanities Committee, Dean Charles W. Bolen of the University of Montana School of Fine Arts.

An apprenticeship grant will pay half the salary of an aspiring artist hired for a season by a professional arts organization in Montana, Utah, Wyoming, Idaho, Colorado or New Mexico. Apprenticeships are open to young artists residing in the six-state region.

Organizations eligible to sponsor apprentices include art galleries and museums as well as performing groups such as the Montana Repertory Theater, the Denver Symphony and the Santa Fe Opera Company.

Montana applications will be coordinated by Edward Groenhout, executive director of the Montana Arts Council, University of Montana, Missoula 59801. They must be received by December 15.

Groenhout said there is no application form to fill out, but a candidate must submit a biographical sketch, a history of professional training and experience and three letters of recommendation. Choice of arts organization(s) in the region should be indicated.

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