



Clay Arts, Utah Education Initiative

Pottery is an ancient skill that has advanced through the ages because of the dedicated artists who improved methods, improvised forms and made an art from a functional craft. But today public schools can no longer afford pottery classes, and even continuing education and summer programs are being lost because of lack of funding.

Clay Arts, Utah is dedicated to the education and advancement of the clay arts. Our members know that education, both youth and adult, is key to the future of our art. We have all heard stories of a little continuing education class taken for fun and inspiring a lifetime of creativity. Most of our members already teach classes and workshops, but sometimes the costs involved become too great a strain.

Wendy Wood is an excellent example for this program. She volunteers to teach pottery with her hometown school in Idaho every other month. But as the gas prices increase, the travel costs are becoming prohibitive. A \$20 stipend would allow her to continue to teach. Without it the kids will lose their clay class. It is a story we hear over and over.

Clay Arts, Utah can help. Members who need some assistance with supplies, wages or mileage to keep a pottery class going are encouraged to apply for an Education Initiative Stipend. We know sometimes just a little bit can make a big difference, so let us know how we can help.

EDUCATION INITIATIVE STIPEND:



To apply email dawn@clayartsutah.org with the following information:

1. Your name
2. Name the school or organization that offers the class
3. Type of class (length, type of pottery taught, who attends, etc.)
4. Location of the class (please include the city)
5. Length of time you have been teaching this class
6. Amount of money requested for the stipend
7. Specific needs to be met with the stipend

Requests will be reviewed by the Board of Trustees the first week of each month with responses sent by the second week of the month. We look forward to hearing from you! QUESTIONS? Contact Dawn Atkin: dawn@clayartsutah.org.