

8:00 a.m. Arts Advocacy Day Registration Check-In

–10:00 a.m. *Pre-Registered Attendees:* Declaration Level Grand Foyer
 –4:00 p.m. *On-Site Registration:* Independence Level Foyer

8:30 a.m. Orientation & Congressional Meeting Role Play

–9:25 a.m.
 Independence Ballroom

State Captain Briefing

Lafayette Park/Farragut Square Rooms

9:30 a.m. Legislative and Political Update for Novice Advocates

–10:00 a.m.
 Independence Ballroom

Legislative and Political Update for Advanced Advocates

Lafayette Park/Farragut Square Rooms

10:10 a.m. Briefing on the National Endowment for the Arts, Tax Policy, and Arts Education Programs

–10:55 a.m.
 Independence Ballroom

11:05 a.m. Facts and Figures to Make Your Case

–11:50 a.m.
 Independence Ballroom

12:00 p.m. Buffet Lunch and Speaking Program

–1:00 p.m.
 Independence Ballroom

1:10 p.m. Breakout Sessions on Policy Issues

–1:40 p.m. Choose one of the following:
 A. **Protecting the Arts in Higher Education:** Independence Breakout Rooms H&I
 B. **Advocating for Grants to Museums:** Independence Breakout Rooms F&G
 C. **Supporting the Arts in Transit Projects:** Independence Breakout Rooms D&E
 D. **Expanding Arts and Technology:** Independence Breakout Rooms B&C
 E. **Advancing Arts and Health:** Lafayette Park/Farragut Square Rooms

1:50 p.m. Choose one of the following:

- 2:20 p.m. A. **Supporting our Military and Veterans through the Arts:** Lafayette Park/Farragut Square Rooms
- B. **State Trends in Arts Education Policy:** Independence Breakout Rooms F&G
- C. **Unpacking the New Tax Law: What Happened and What's Next:** Independence Breakout Rooms D&E
- D. **Strengthening the Creative Economy through the CREATE Act:** Independence Breakout Rooms H&I
- E. **Going Global: Supporting Cultural Exchange and Engaging International Artists:** Independence Breakout Rooms B&C

2:20 p.m. Refreshment Break

–2:40 p.m.
 Independence Foyer

2:45 p.m. Breakout Sessions: Diving Deeper

–3:30 p.m. Choose one of the following:
 A. **Approaches to Strong Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Policies:** Lafayette Park/Farragut Square Rooms
 B. **Views from Student Leaders: Finding Your Advocacy Voice:** Independence Breakout Rooms B&C
 C. **Learning from an Elected Official: Massachusetts State Senator Stan Rosenberg:** Independence Ballroom

3:35 p.m. State Delegation Planning Time

–4:30 p.m. State delegations will be assigned specific meeting rooms. Stay tuned for room assignments.

4:30 p.m. Americans for the Arts Action Fund Reception and Fundraiser

–5:15 p.m. Cabinet Restaurant, Grand Hyatt Washington
 • Stop by the Americans for the Arts Action Fund Resource Table during the day to sign-up in advance. Minimum contribution of \$50 to the Arts Action Fund is required. Drinks and hors d'oeuvres provided.
 • Special remarks by Arts Action Fund President and CEO **Robert Lynch**, and Arts Action Fund Executive Director **Nina Ozlu Tunceli**.

6:00 p.m. The 31st Annual Nancy Hanks Lecture on Arts and Public Policy

Eisenhower Theater, The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
 • Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Program begins at 6:30 p.m.
 • Free. You must bring the tickets provided in your registration packets.
 • Buses from Grand Hyatt Washington Hotel to Kennedy Center from 4:45 p.m.–5:45 p.m.
 • Buses from Kennedy Center back to Grand Hyatt Washington Hotel from 7:45 p.m.–8:15 p.m.

8:30 a.m. Congressional Arts Kick Off Event

–10:00 a.m. Kennedy Caucus Room, 325 Russell Senate Office Building
 • Doors open at 8:00 a.m.
 • Registrants will need to use taxi cab, ride sharing services, or Metrorail transportation to Union Station Metro Stop (red line).
 • The 2018 Congressional Arts Leadership Award will be presented to **Congressman Leonard Lance** (R-NJ).
 • Featuring remarks by **NEA Chairman Jane Chu** and **Members of Congress**.

10:00 a.m. Capitol Hill Visits

–5:30 p.m. • State Captains lead team visits to Congressional Offices for their pre-scheduled appointments.

1:00 p.m. Student Visit to the U.S. Department of Education

–2:30 p.m. 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20202
 • Student attendees are invited to participate in a tour of the U.S. Department of Education and meet with staff to learn about current arts education initiatives and programs.