AthFest Educates

Advancing music & arts education for youth across the Athens, Georgia community.



About Us

AthFest Educates provides funding directly to schools for arts education; with a focus on 3 main areas. Music and arts equipment; music and arts experiences; and art-based and music-based professional development for educators and/or youth development.

AFE produces two annual events; the AthFest Music & Arts Festival and the AthHalf Half Marathon & 5K.

Proceeds from these events and community donations fund the organization's annual grant-making efforts to continue arts education.

Grants are awarded on a rolling basis each September.

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Our Values

- **Accessible**
  Access to arts education is fundamental to the development and wellbeing of our youth and community.
- **Diverse**
  The arts are an inherently diverse field, and that diversity should be represented in our grants program, as well as at our community events.
- **Inclusive**
  Participants in our grant-funded programs and attendees of our community events should feel safe, included, represented, and inspired.

AthFest Educates' Mission

We fund arts education for K-12 youth in Athens-Clarke County, GA.

We believe every child should experience the enriching impact of the arts.



Our Supporting Events:

AthFest Music & Arts Festival

AthFest is a free, three-day festival celebrating Athens, Georgia' vibrant creative culture, showcasing local and regional musicians and visual artists. Each year, thousands gather in historic downtown to enjoy live music, local art, food, and the energetic spirit of one of America's coolest cities.

AthHalf Half Marathon & AthFest Educates 5K

The AthHalf features a half marathon and 5K through downtown Athens and the University of Georgia campus, with live local bands and strong community support. Hosted by AthFest Educates, the race funds music and arts education for local K-12 students—so every mile makes a difference.

Impact

Over $750K awarded in Grants to every Clarke County School District K-12 school and 17 local nonprofits to empower the arts.