

12 Days of Grantwriting

with the staff of the
South Dakota Arts Council

On the 1st Day of Grantwriting,
State Arts Council told me:

Circle the March 1st deadline!

Circle it on every calendar you own.
Red pen. Maybe a thick marker. February 7 is the grant review.

On the 2nd Day of Grantwriting,
State Arts Council told me:

See gifts to be given!

Visit our Applicant Portal website where all the wonder begins.

On the 3rd Day of Grantwriting,
the State Agency told me:

Read the Guide to Grants!

Then re-read it, with a steaming cup of hot cocoa by a fire.

On the 4th Day of Grantwriting,
the State Agency told me:

Stay off the Naughty List!

Have you been a good little grantwriter all year?
Update your profile on our online grant system
(check out GOSmart How-to Videos).

On the 5th Day of Grantwriting,
the State Agency told me:

FIND YOUR GOLDEN THINGS!

It's the most wonderful time of the year,
so gather those wonderful materials EARLY.

On the 6th Day of Grantwriting,
the State Agency told me:

Lay on the holiday cheer!

Celebrate those recommendation letters from supporters.
But then make sure you upload them to the system.
It's like sending letters to the North Pole. But quicker.

On the 7th Day of Grantwriting,
the State Agency told me:

Meet the arts people!

You've GOT to join the SDAC Grant App Facebook Group.
There's nothing like a home for the digital holidays.

On the 8th Day of Grantwriting,
the State Agency told me:

Be graceful as a swan!

Focus. No time for ugly duckling typos here.
Black and white. Or, silver and gold.
Just don't forget the coffee. Be concise and clear.

On the 9th Day of Grantwriting,
the State Agency told me:

Ask the Ladies and Lords!

Have a fireside chat, live with us, about your applications,
ideas, arts life, during our Thursday Watercooler virtual chats.
It's great to see your faces. Fireside or not.

On the 10th Day of Grantwriting,
the State Agency told me:

Leap into your artwork!

It's time for your best of show - shine up your sparkly work samples
and add them to your application. Voila! Magic!

On the 11th Day of Grantwriting,
the State Agency told me:

Pipe your pipe, and join the chorus. Fa la la!

You have goals, and so do we. A match!
Strategize with us by reading up on our plans.
South Dakota needs you - and your talents.

On the 12th Day of Grantwriting,
the State Agency told me:

Bang your drum!

Pa-rum-pah-pa-pum! Joy to the world!
Your project narrative soon will be there.
Oh holy night!

Best wishes to you
for a beautifully
creative 2021!

