



Job Description - Lead Artist: ArtsPlace

Required Dates: June 17 – August 9, 2024, Monday through Friday, 1-4pm

Program Description

The Rockford Area Arts Council is facilitating arts enrichment programs, hosted at the Rockford Park District's Washington Park Community Center, to address the learning loss and social-emotional needs and challenges of Rockford's youth following the devastating impact of COVID-19.

The Arts Council's programs will offer:

- *Exposure to a variety of art forms including, but not limited to, drawing, painting, printmaking, sketchbook journaling, digital media arts, collage, 2-D + 3-D construction, community-build projects, carpentry, art/nature fusion, photography, crafts, dance, movement, music, etc.*
- *One-on-one artist mentorship, apprenticeship, and instruction*
- *Life-skills and job-skills development including, but not limited to, the development of project plans, meeting + exceeding expectations set by instructors, creating and pricing works of art, marketing their creations, creative problem-solving, and continuous evaluation + improvement of the creative process*

Lead Artist Description

The Lead Artist instructor will work with elementary, middle, or high school-age students in the development of the basic skills associated with the Lead Artist's proposed form of art.

Camp completion expectation: ArtsPlace students will develop a basic knowledge of the proposed art form; students will present the culmination of their skill-building in the form of a final project or performance.

Note: Art forms for this camp can include, but are not limited to, drawing, painting, printmaking, sketchbook journaling, digital media arts, collage, 2-D + 3-D construction, community-build projects, carpentry, art/nature fusion, photography, crafts, dance, movement, music, etc.

Responsibilities

- Develop an engaging and developmentally appropriate art curriculum for students that results in a culminating project or performance
- Create a positive learning environment to ensure all students can be successful
- Create a safe environment: Establish rules and behavior expectations that protect children physically, emotionally, and mentally
- Demonstrate respect to the youth in your attitude and behavior toward students and staff
- Initiate collaboration with the Washington Park CC staff and encourage cohesive engagement throughout the program
- Be willing to perform other duties, as needed, in unexpected or emergency situations
- Conduct yourself professionally in dress and behavior

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Qualifications/Requirements

- 3-5 years of professional experience in the proposed art form
- 2-3 years of experience working with students/youth
- Must have personal transportation to get to and from the program site
- Must pass a background check, facilitated by the Rockford Area Arts Council

Expectations

- The Lead Artist reports to the Rockford Area Arts Council Program Coordinator
- The Lead Artist is responsible for the development of the curriculum, approved by the Program Coordinator. The expectation is that the Lead Artist submits weekly curriculum and supply need revisions to the Program Coordinator by 8pm on Thursdays of the week prior.

Apply on the Arts Council website: <https://www.artsforeveryone.com/employment/>

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