



## Summer Youth Internship in the Arts

Rockford Area Arts Council: 4 paid internships for Youth, 18-22 years old

*SPARK! Programs are the Rockford Area Arts Council's summer art programs that provides an intensive, hands-on, skill-building, apprenticeship program to youth who demonstrate an interest in the arts. Youth have the unique opportunity to work closely with local artist instructors in a variety of mediums.*

### Required dates:

- High School Students
  - June 17-July 5 (no camp July 4), Monday-Friday, 9am-1pm
- Elementary Students: SPARK! in the Park
  - July 15-26, Monday-Friday, 9am-12:30pm
- Middle & High School Students: SPARK! Build Mosaic
  - August 5-16, Monday-Friday, 9am-3pm

### Application, Selection, and Promotion:

Positions are available for the summer of 2024. Interns will be selected from a submitted application with the following criteria:

- Completed one year of the Arts Council's New Ways, SPARK!, ArtsPlace Program(s), or a comparable art program/camp
- Demonstrate leadership skills through extracurricular activities
- Demonstrate interest in continuing arts education

### Pay Rate:

Youth Internship Positions pay \$15.00/hour

### Programs:

**SPARK! in the Park:** July 15-26, Monday-Friday, 9am-12:30pm

- **Intern Work Times:** 8:30 am- 1 pm
- **Camper Ages:** Entering 1st grade – 5th grade
- **Location:** Sea Scout Building, 1480 N 2nd St, Rockford IL 61107

*From color studies and nature compositions to music and movement, your young artist's creative world will expand and unfold through artistic exposure and hands-on experience. Each child rotates through at least three artistic mediums including, but not limited to, dance + movement, art + nature, visual art, and more. Join us this summer for SPARK in the Park! at the Park District's beautiful Nicholas Conservatory, Rose Garden, and Sea Scout Lodge on the Rock River.*

**SPARK! Build—Mosaic:** August 5-16, Monday-Friday, 9am-3pm

- **Intern Work Hours:** 8:30 am – 3:30 pm
- **Camper Ages:** Middle and High School
- **Location:** [Womanspace](#), 3333 Maria Linden Dr, Rockford, IL 61114

SPARK! Build: Mosaic provides an intensive, hands-on, skill-building apprenticeship program to youths who demonstrate an interest in the arts. Youth will work closely with nationally recognized mosaic artist, Susan Burton, in the planning, construction, and installation of a public sculpture. The student's mosaic work will be recognized publicly by City of Rockford Mayor, Tom McNamara; additionally, there will be permanent signage installed with a SPARK! Mosaic tribute.

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**The SPARK! arts programs allow us to deliver high-level art instruction and mentorship. Youth are mentored by teaching artists who hold advanced degrees in their art form. Youth are engaged in art lessons, practice, leadership opportunities, and the creation of a culminating performance or exhibit.**

**Responsibilities:**

Intern work will primarily be artistic. Interns will work on the SPARK! teams as an experienced apprentice and fully participate in the creation of new work. Interns will serve as an assistant to the teaching artist in a variety of ways:

- Assist with setup/cleanup
- Assist with artwork creation and reflect on progress
- Mentor small groups of 8-10, if applicable
- Serve as a role model
- Document progress/ Take photos and submit daily summaries
- Attend orientation and staff meetings
- Assist with culminating performance or exhibit

**Student Benefits:**

- Increased sense of responsibility and confidence
- Resume and skill-building boost
- Increased scholarship opportunity
- Letters of recommendation for career development

**How to apply:**

Fill out the Summer Youth Internship Application on the [artsforeveryone.com](http://artsforeveryone.com) website and a member of the Arts Council will be in touch to schedule an interview.