



Arts for Learning WNY – Job Description

Job Title: Teaching Artist

Reporting To: Program Team

Status: Non-Exempt. Per diem, availability as needed.

Location: Variable: Schools, libraries, and community centers throughout Western New York

Company: Arts for Learning WNY (formerly Young Audiences of WNY) is a not-for-profit arts education organization whose mission is to inspire, expand learning, and strengthen the community through engagement with the arts. For 60 years, Arts for Learning has developed and delivered education programs in all artistic disciplines to more than 3 million children and families in the region. The professional Teaching Artists on our team engage young people in creative learning opportunities in all 8 counties of Western New York, including Erie, Niagara, Orleans, Genesee, Wyoming, Allegany, Cattaraugus, and Chautauqua.

Summary: We are seeking Teaching Artists from all eight counties of Western New York that represent the beautifully diverse community we serve. Teaching Artists will have a flexible schedule and work in schools, libraries, community centers, and after school settings to provide arts-integrated workshops and multi-workshop residencies for school-age youth across WNY. The program team at Arts for Learning WNY will work with Teaching Artists to advertise, schedule, and coordinate all logistics for booking workshops. Weekly schedules will be based on artist availability and demand for programs. Applicants should have at least one workshop currently developed. Teaching Artists will have paid opportunities to work with Arts for Learning staff to develop new workshops that align with the Arts for Learning priorities and mission.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Confirm scheduling requests for workshops sent by the Arts for Learning Program Team and submit schedule of availability to staff on a bi-annual basis.
- Work with Arts for Learning staff to develop new workshops in alignment with partner and Arts for Learning priorities.
- Create program outline using the Arts for Learning template for all workshops, which should include a workshop summary, appropriate grade levels, curriculum ties, vocabulary, educational objectives, material, space, and technology needs.
- Pick-up any required supplies from the Arts for Learning Office, located in Buffalo, NY, prior to scheduled workshops and notify staff of any additional supply needs. Artists based outside of Erie County may work with staff to determine an individualized supply pick-up plan.
- Attend Professional Development workshops and trainings in areas including, but not limited to classroom management, restorative justice, positive youth development, curriculum alignment, lesson planning, and trauma informed care.
- Administer surveys and/or collect program data when required by grant funders as requested by the Director of Development and Marketing.
- Act as a liaison between partners and Arts for Learning.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- Exceptional skills as a practicing artist.
- Strong experience teaching children in schools or other settings (examples: community venues, libraries, after school).
- Commitment to racial equity, social justice, and inclusion.
- Experience connecting art to other academic content or a willingness to learn the skills of arts integration.
- Ability to deliver dynamic and engaging programs—virtually and in-person.
- A passion for using the arts to engage with children and communities.

- Must have knowledge of and the ability to work with both youth and adults in diverse communities.
- Basic computer and email skills to correspond with Arts for Learning staff and partners. Experience with Google Suite is preferred.
- Preference will be given to those with reliable transportation, as there are workshop opportunities at venues located throughout Western New York.

COMPENSATION & BENEFITS:

- Salary is \$40 per hour, less applicable taxes.
- Per diem employees are eligible for up to 40 hours of sick time per calendar year.
- Flexible scheduling during school and after school hours.
- All program materials purchased by Arts for Learning.
- Access to professional development sessions from nationally accredited facilitators that are exclusive to our roster and partners.
- Compensation includes time spent traveling and preparing for programming.
- Networking opportunities with other teaching artists regionally and nationally through the Young Audiences Network.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Ability to physically transport any supplies/materials necessary for your workshop without additional assistance.

TO APPLY:

- Review the [Priorities and Policies documents here](#).
- Download and complete a Program Template for a workshop you currently offer and can present to a youth audience. [Fillable template provided here](#). Submitted workshop templates will be kept confidential and destroyed should an applicant not be hired.
- Submit your completed program template and current Resume via email to employment@artsforlearningwny.org with *Teaching Artist Position* in the subject line.
- Artists selected to move to the next stage will be invited for an interview with Arts for Learning staff on a rolling basis.

Arts for Learning WNY is an equal opportunity employer. We will not discriminate and will take affirmative action measures to ensure against discrimination in employment, recruitment, advertisements for employment, compensation, termination, upgrading, promotions, and other conditions of employment against any employee or job applicant on the bases of race, color, gender, national origin, age, religion, creed, disability, veteran's status, sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression.