



A signature program of
Arts for Learning WNY

Arts for Learning WNY's signature program, ArtWorks, is a multi-disciplinary, arts-based job training program for Teen Apprentices ages 14-18. For the school year, a cohort of apprentices will engage in both arts activities and projects, led by a Teaching Artist, and professional development days to learn workforce readiness skills. The semester will consist of professional development and art workshops, guest speakers, and off-site trips to various Buffalo-based arts and cultural institutions or post-secondary institutions.

The 2025 - 2026 ArtWorks Program will run for two semesters. Participants should select if they would like to participate in only the Fall Semester or if they are able to commit to participation in both the Fall and Spring Semesters.

Sessions occur on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday each week from 4:00 - 6:00 pm.

Fall Semester: September 22nd - December 17th (no program on 10/13 and 11/11) **36 spots available**

Spring Semester: February 23rd - May 20th (no program Spring Break week) **20 spots available**

Please check your participation preference:

- ☐ **Fall & Spring, Full Year**
- ☐ **Fall Semester Only**

This will be a \$16.00/hour paid position, with commitments and expectations that meet those of a regular job. You will be required to attend **ALL** scheduled sessions for the semesters you are committed to.

The program will be held **IN PERSON** at the Tri-Main Center, Suite 443, 2495 Main St, Buffalo, NY 14214.

For any questions, please contact:

Paola Torres, Program Coordinator

E-mail: artworks@artsforlearningwny.org

Phone: 716.881.0917

Fax: 716.408.3279

Address: Arts for Learning WNY, Inc.

Tri-Main Center

24951 Main St. Suite 443

Buffalo, NY 14214

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To be considered for the program you must bring your completed application to an open interview day on either Wednesday, July 23rd from 4:00-6:00pm, Wednesday, August 27th from 10:00 am-12:00 pm or Monday, September 15th from 4:00-6:00 pm.

*Final interview slot will be 15 mins before end time each day.

Incomplete applications WILL NOT be considered! Application packets should include the following:

1. This completed and signed application form, including media release, medical information, and field trip permission form.
2. Typed or written responses to ONE short answer question on this application.
3. Copy of your most recent report card from the 2025 school year.
4. One **typed letter of recommendation from** a teacher, principal, coach, or guidance counselor.

***If you are unable to bring a printed application to the interview day, you may email your application materials to artworks@artsforlearningwny.org prior to the open interview you plan to attend.**

Personal Information:

Legal Name:	<input type="text"/>	SSN:	<input type="text"/>
Preferred Name:	<input type="text"/>	Pronouns:	she/her he/him they/them other:
Address:	<input type="text"/>		
Phone:	<input type="text"/>		
Email:	<input type="text"/>		
Name of Parent(s) or Legal Guardians(s):	<input type="text"/>		
Phone Number of Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s):	<input type="text"/>		
Emails of Parent(s) or Legal Guardians:	<input type="text"/>		
Current School:	<input type="text"/>		

Grade: ☐ 9th ☐ 10th ☐ 11th ☐ 12th

Type of school: ☐ Public ☐ Private ☐ Homeschool ☐ Charter

How did you hear about ArtWorks?

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Respond to ALL of the following questions.

1. Will you be able to attend all scheduled sessions (Monday - Wednesday 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM) from **September 22nd - December 17th** and **February 23rd - May 20th** (If selecting to participate in Spring Semester - no program Spring break).
If not, explain why.

2. What jobs/positions have you held in the past as an employer or a volunteer?

Job Title	Employer Name	Address	Phone Number

3. Have you participated in a workforce development program in the past? If so, please describe.

Answer any ONE of the following questions. Typed responses are encouraged and should be attached separately from this application.

What job skills are you most interested in developing through the ArtWorks Apprenticeship Program?
(250-400 words)

Create a one-page short story that defines your community. How does the arts or career in the arts play a part in improving your community? (250-400 words)

How can artistic and creative thinking be applied in the workplace? (250-400 words)



BOTH SIGNATURES BELOW ARE REQUIRED

By signing below, I declare that all information provided on this application is true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge and that I have withheld nothing that, if disclosed, would alter the integrity of this application. I authorize investigations of all statements contained in this application as may be necessary to make an employment decision. I agree that Arts for Learning WNY will not be held liable in any respect if a job offer is not extended, withdrawn, or employment is terminated because of false statements, omissions, or responses made on this application. I understand that employment in ArtWorks is "at will," which means that either I or Arts for Learning WNY can terminate the employment relationship at any time, with or without prior notice, and for any reason not prohibited by law. I hereby acknowledge that I have read and understand this entire application.

Signature of Applicant:

Date:

Signature of Parent/Guardian:

Date:

THE NEXT STEP

You are encouraged to contact the Arts for Learning office **before** open interviews with any questions.

**Open interviews for early admittance will occur at the Arts for Learning Office located at the Tri-Main Center, Suite 443 on the following dates: Wednesday, July 23rd from 4:00-6:00pm
Wednesday, August 27th from 10:00-12:00 pm or Monday, September 15th from 4:00-6:00 pm.**

*Final interview slot will be 15 mins before end time each day.

Please bring your completed application to one of the open interview events. Upon arrival, your application packet will be reviewed for completeness. All applicants with completed applications will be invited to stay for a brief interview. Interviews will occur on a first-come first-served basis once your application is reviewed.

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