

Request for Qualifications (RFQ) A@L Visual Art Expansion Support (VAES) Artist-Educator

Full Time / Part Time / Hourly / Seasonal (Oct-Jun)

Organization: Arts @ Large

Location: Milwaukee, Wisconsin

About Arts @ Large

Arts @ Large was founded in 2001 with a mission to activate Milwaukee's communities to build environments that support arts-rich, lifelong learning. Our goal is to ensure that everyone has access to the arts, regardless of their background.

Overview

Arts @ Large is seeking qualified candidates for the position of Arts @ Large Visual Art Expansion Support (VAES) Artist-Educator. This role involves leading a visual art in-school instructional residency aligned with Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) art curriculum. VAES Artist-Educators will work closely with Arts @ Large instructional designers, curriculum support contractors, and other VAES Artist-Educators to create and implement a visual art residency for the 2024-2025 school year. Each VAES Artist-Educator will be part of the VAES Artist-Educator cohort and will engage in regular collaborative planning sessions and professional development at Arts @ Large. In the classroom, the VAES Artist-Educator will fully take on the role of arts educator including classroom management and instruction, with the support of an MPS staff member.

Key Responsibilities

- Arts Residency Planning:
 - Collaborate with instructional designers and curriculum support contractors to develop an eight-month-long visual art residency program consisting of overall and weekly lesson plans, aligned with MPS art curriculum utilizing Arts @ Large provided tools, classroom resources, and program documentation.

- Attend mandatory professional development sessions including classroom management, curriculum alignment, instructional design, and trauma informed care.
 - Participate in mandatory school visits to develop comfort, familiarity, and community in the classroom.
 - Participate in ongoing professional development over the course of the program.
- Arts Residency Leading:
 - Lead in-class instruction with support from an MPS staff member (Classroom teacher, Paraprofessional, or other staff member).
 - Demonstrate art proficiency and engage students through active learning, hands-on application, and teacher-student discussions.
 - Use classroom processes that support effective teaching and learning to promote high student achievement, designing lessons to promote all students' being engaged in learning through such strategies as active learning, hands-on application, and teacher-student discussions
 - Attend weekly collaborative planning meetings with fellow VAES Artist-Educators, Arts @ Large staff, and/or content experts
 - Manage classroom supplies to achieve lesson objectives and curriculum alignments.

Required Qualifications

- Minimum 1-2 years of experience working with youth.
- Experience creating arts lessons.
- Basic knowledge of classroom management and instructional practices.
- Familiarity with Google programs (Slides, Docs, Sheets, Drive).
- Clear communication skills.
- Self-motivation and the ability to work independently.
- Passion for art and its impact on education spaces.
- Availability in August 2024 - June 2025

Preferred Qualifications

- Experience as a working artist.
- Knowledge of MPS arts curriculum.
- Experience with 21st-century learning techniques.

Submission Requirements

Interested candidates are requested to submit the following:

- A cover letter detailing your interest in the role and relevant experience.
- A resume outlining your qualifications and experience.
- At least two references who can attest to your teaching and/or artistic skills.
- Samples of lesson plans or art projects you have created, if available.

Compensation and Benefits

- Competitive hourly wage: \$38.00 per hour
- Part time (16 hrs/week) and Full time (40 hrs/week) options available
- Liability Insurance
- 401K Retirement Account
- Health Insurance available for full time employees

Submission Deadline and Process

Please submit your application materials by July 16, 2024. You can send them to Phillip@artsatlargeinc.org.

For additional information or questions, please contact Director of Programs, Phillip Salat, at Phillip@artsatlargeinc.org.

Arts @ Large is an equal opportunity employer and encourages applications from all qualified individuals, regardless of background.

Non-Discrimination Policy

Arts @ Large is committed to providing a welcoming and inclusive environment for all individuals regardless of race, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, disability, socioeconomic status, or any other characteristic protected by applicable laws. We believe that diversity is essential to achieving our mission of promoting community access to arts education, and we are dedicated to fostering an environment where everyone feels valued, respected, and empowered to participate fully.