

Camp Classroom Assistant: Open to students who completed grade 9, 10, 11, or 12 at a Portland Public School during the 2020-2021 school year

Organization: Young Audiences of Oregon and Southwest Washington

Reports to: Lead Counselor

Status: Hourly Temporary; 4 weeks full time for camp, 2 weeks part time for training and cleanup

Term: July 6th–August 13th

Schedule: 40 hours/week (8:00 am – 4:00 pm)

Rate: \$14/hr

Application Deadline: June 14th, 2021

Organization Overview:

Our Mission: We inspire young people and expand their learning through the arts.

Young Audiences of Oregon and SW Washington is an arts education nonprofit organization that works to connect learners with professionals in the arts community. We work with a roster of independent contractors teaching artists to provide a variety of quality hands-on artist residencies, workshops and performances to schools all throughout the region.

Young Audiences of Oregon & SW Washington is committed to increasing access to high quality arts experiences to young people across our region. We recognize there are explicit systems and structures designed to impede access, and that these systems are especially pernicious when in regards to race. Young Audiences asks all prospective employees, volunteers, teaching artists and board members to acknowledge that they have read and agree with [Young Audiences' Equity Statement](#).

Program Overview:

Young Audiences will be offering multiple weeks of arts based summer camps for elementary aged students. These camps will focus on introducing students to a variety of mediums.

The Camp Counselor spends the camp weeks creating a sense of community with a small cohort of elementary aged students and supporting these students as they move throughout their day.

The Camp Counselor will be supported in the classroom by a high-school-aged Camp Assistant, by at least two professional teaching artists who will manage the bulk of the arts instruction and by a Camp Administrator who will support the classrooms with any student specific needs including but not limited to first aid, COVID symptoms, parent phone calls etc. This team of educators will work to support a classroom of 12-15 children of a specific age group. They will work together to maintain a safe, creative and inspiring environment. These educators will lead the children through their day of outdoor time, art material exploration, as well as focused project time to play out the camp curriculum.

Covid-19 Safety Precautions:

- Staff will all be fully vaccinated.
- Students will remain in consistent cohorts of 15 or fewer.
- Students and staff will be required to wear masks unless actively eating and drinking.
- There will be a camp admin on site who will take the lead with any concerns regarding student exposure of symptoms.

Classroom Assistant Qualifications:

- All camp staff must be fully vaccinated.
- Desire to work with children in a positive, supportive manner.
- Ability to communicate with elementary aged students, classroom teachers, professional Teaching Artists, and peers.
- Willingness to engage in anti-racist teaching practices and engage in personal reflection on the impacts of their words and actions.
- Exhibit enthusiasm, maturity, responsibility, flexibility, initiative, and leadership.
- Enjoy arts related activities (both visual and performing).
- Receive recommendation from an adult mentor and parental permission.
- Participates as a member of the camp teaching team to create an inviting and engaging community environment for students.

Specific Responsibilities:

- Assume responsibility for the health and welfare of a student classroom group and treat younger students with respect in your words and actions.
- Assist the Lead Counselor for classroom activities including but limited to check-in/check-out, transitions, morning meeting, lunch and outdoor break, free choice time.
- Assist as an instructor during art blocks with Teaching Artist facilitating a variety of different arts activities (both visual and performing)
- Maintain open communication with all Young Audiences Art Camp personnel.
- Seek assistance when needed.
- Other responsibilities as assigned by the Lead Counselor

Evaluation/Culmination:

Each Student Leader receives a written evaluation and letter of recommendation at the conclusion of the Young Audiences Art Camp term. The student will be evaluated based on student supervision responsibilities, Instructional responsibilities, and professional behaviors. Upon completion of the camp term, the Classroom Assistant will also be allotted a bank of paid hours for mentorship with one or more of the participating Teaching Artists.

To apply

Please send a letter of interest to jobs@ya-or.org indicating that you are applying for the Camp Classroom Assistant role and include:

- Any relevant experience related to this opportunity
- A CV/resume if you have one available (this is optional)

- A letter of recommendation from any of the following: a teacher, school staff member, current adult mentor; OR you can provide the email or phone number of an adult mentor that we can contact as a reference
- Contact information for a parent or guardian

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NO PHONE CALLS, PLEASE