



Rising Young Leaders Program

RISING YOUNG LEADERS are an integral part of CHAW's Youth Arts Program and Summer Camp programs. These young people are not just mentors but rising leaders in the community, sharing their experience in the arts with their peers and younger students. As part of our training, Rising Young Leaders will learn to build relationships and develop a strong work ethic. Setting a positive example, encouraging excitement about the arts, supporting students and teaching artists and having fun are all part of the mentor experience at CHAW! Teaching artists and staff are here to help mentor and advise interns throughout this experience. Students must be between the ages of 12-18 to apply.

EMPHASIS ON THREE GOALS:

1. **Professionalism**-Internships are treated like job training and interns will develop applicable skills they can take into the work force. Effective communication, taking initiative, time management and a positive attitude are all important to developing a strong work ethic.
2. **Creativity**- While working in a non-profit arts organization, interns will develop respect for community, art and service to others. Internships are built upon CHAW's mission and vision of building community through the arts, creating a place where the arts connect, transform people and create common ground. Our goals are to help each student find his or her unique artistic voice, value artistic literacy and become life-long learners in the arts.
3. **Leadership**- We can all both learn and teach. Strong leadership comes in many forms but begins with building value and self-worth. Interns will face challenges, learn problem solving techniques, add substance to relationships and find meaning in their work. This will help build the confidence and compassion necessary to be life time leaders.

INTERNSHIPS:

Summer Camp Interns have a range of duties during CHAW's summer camp sessions (June-August). Camp interns work primarily with teaching staff and campers ranging in age from 5-10 years. Their task can include preparing lesson materials, overseeing class-time and studio clean-up, escorting camp groups between rooms or to lunch, leading group activities, songs or games, assisting with administrative tasks and assisting staff on afternoon field trips or specialty camp. In addition, all summer camp interns receive valuable mentor and counselor training and attend an orientation prior to camp. Summer Camp Interns are scheduled by week from 9am-5pm. Refer to CHAW's current summer camp catalog for more information.

Classroom Interns work after school during the semesters of our Youth Arts Program (Winter, Spring, Fall). Class interns help with administrative tasks, studio clean-up, specific department projects and work alongside teaching artists in the classroom. Interns may help prepare materials, encourage student participation, escort students to the gallery or bathroom, clean studio spaces and assist teaching artists as assigned. Classroom intern hours are Monday-Thursday between 3:00pm-6:00pm. Refer to our current listing of classes for more information.

Application Process

If you are interested in becoming an intern please fill out an application and return it to CHAW's Education and Community Relations Coordinator, Shahidah Abdul-Lateef at shahidah@chaw.org or drop it off at the CHAW office (545 7 Street SE, DC 20003). Feel free to contact Shahidah directly with any questions.



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GENERAL INFORMATION

Students Name	Parent Name		Home Telephone () -
Address (Mailing Address)	(City, State)	(Zip)	Cell phone () -
Parents E-Mail Address		Students E-Mail Address	
Emergency Contact Name		Emergency Contact Number	

EDUCATION

Name of School :	Grade:	Age:
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INTERNSHIPS

<p>What Internship are you applying for? <input type="checkbox"/> Summer Camp Intern (June-August) <input type="checkbox"/> Classroom Intern (Winter/Spring/Fall)</p>
<p>Please list any previous experience you might have working with children, in arts administration, as a camp counselor, classroom assistant, etc.:</p>
<p>Are you interested in working with a specific department, teaching artist or class option? If so, which ones and have you worked with this teacher/media before?</p>
<p>Classroom Intern hours run 3:00pm-6:00pm, Monday - Thursday. Below neatly list the days and times you are available:</p>
<p>Summer Camp Interns are scheduled by week from 9am-5pm. Refer to CHAW's current summer camp catalog and neatly list all weeks/camps you are available:</p>

Please respond to the following questions and use additional paper if necessary.

SPECIAL SKILLS & INTERESTS (List your skills, hobbies and activities you participate in)

HOW HAVE THE ARTS TRANSFORMED YOUR LIFE OR THE LIFE OF SOMEONE YOU KNOW?

HOW DO YOU SEE YOURSELF SHARING THE ARTS WITH YOUNGER CHILDREN?

IS THERE AN ARTIST, MUSICIAN, TEACHER OR OTHER PERSON THAT INSPIRES YOU? IF YES, WHY?

WHY IS THIS INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE IMPORTANT TO YOU?

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REFERENCES

Name	Telephone Number () -
How long has this person known you?	Email:
Relationship with person	
Name	Telephone Number () -
How long has this person known you?	Email:
Relationship with person	
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I certify the information contained in this application is true, correct, and complete. I understand that, if employed, false statements reported on this application may be considered sufficient cause for dismissal.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____