



Position: Art Instructor – Youth & Teen Programs

Reports to: Manager of Visual Arts

Location: Telluride, CO

AH HAA SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS

For over 30 years, Ah Haa School for the Arts (Ah Haa) has been inspiring people of all ages to discover, nurture and celebrate their creative possibilities. Ah Haa School for the Arts has been a place of inspiration, creativity, and curiosity for people of all ages in Telluride and the surrounding Colorado communities. In 2021, Ah Haa moved into downtown's arts district in the Silver Jack building, a 10,000 square-foot, purpose-built community center with enhanced studios and thoughtfully designed classrooms that spark expanded opportunities for participation. Ah Haa is also home to the prestigious American Academy of Bookbinding (AAB) located at the nearby historic Stone Building.

What We Are Looking For

The Ah Haa School for the Arts Art Instructor, Youth & Teen Programs will be an energetic, detail-oriented individual who will be responsible to provide art instruction for youth enrolled in after school programs, summer camps and/or weekend programming. Art Instructors must have an arts background and a passion for enhancing the lives of children and teens through the arts, with a desire to understand and internalize the mission, values and goals of Ah Haa School for the Arts.

This is a seasonal part-time position with variable hours, (10-40hrs/week, depending on need). The position requires a Colorado background check.

CORE RESPONSIBILITIES

Art Instruction and Class Management (90%)

- Instructing Visual Arts to youth in grades K-6th and/or teens 7th-12th during afterschool hours and some weekends and/or summer camps (June-August).
- Create and organize project lesson plans; prepare and gather materials before class.
- Able to assess age appropriateness of lessons and materials in the classroom.
- Perform demonstrations for the class on technique and process.
- Provide assistance to students with the completion and generation of art projects.
- Supervise and provide direction to classroom assistants and volunteers.
- Collect art materials; appropriate cleanup of classroom after class.
- Return materials to proper place in the classroom(s).
- Provide sufficient notice to supervisor if unable to teach a scheduled class.
- Maintain classroom(s) and its equipment with a priority for the health, safety and well-being for staff, students, instructors, and volunteers.
- Monitor supply levels and communicate need to supervisor
 - Assist set up and tear down classroom for classes; organize and inventory materials as needed.
 - Communicate policies and protocols to Parents/Guardians; maintain appropriate waivers and authorizations; communication same to Ah Haa Front Desk & Registration Assistant.
- Trace and monitor absences; communicate to parent/guardian, Ah Haa staff, or other authority as directed.

- Report health, well-being and safety concerns, record Incident Reports as necessary.
- Meet on a regular basis with staff to coordinate programming plans and evaluate success of projects and classes.

Other Duties as Assigned (10%)

- Provide guidance and mentorship to Classroom Assistants and Volunteers
- Attend planning meetings and orientations as scheduled and required.
- Other duties as assigned

REQUIRED SKILLS, ABILITIES AND EXPERIENCE

- Two years teaching experience is preferred; Bachelor's degree or higher in Fine Arts is a plus
- Be well versed in various art forms and have excellent artistic, research, and organizational skills.
- Must be able to multi-task; be productive, focused, and flexible in a creative & sometimes busy environment.
- Ability to take initiative and effectively adapt to change.
- Ability to work independently and carry out assignments to completion within parameters of instructions given, prescribed routines and standard accepted practices.
- Works well in a collaborative team environment.
- Able to work independently with minimal oversight.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Demonstrated commitment to diversity and inclusion practices
- Communicate and demonstrate a standard of excellence and proactive problem-solving that sets an example for others.
- Represents the organization in a positive light that encourages participation and engagement with the public, participants, donors, and friends of the organization.

SALARY RANGE: \$25.00 - \$35.00/hr. depending on experience

In compliance with Colorado's Equal Pay for Equal Work Act (EPEWA) we are disclosing the compensation for this position. Factors that may be used to determine your actual salary may include your specific skills, years of experience in this field and in comparison, to other employees already in this role. A potential new employee's salary history will not be used in a compensation decision.

Interested candidates, please email cover letter and resume to lulu@ahhaa.org. No phone calls please.

NOTE: This job description is not intended to be all-inclusive. Employees may perform other related duties as established to meet the ongoing needs of the business. AH HAA SCHOOL OF THE ARTS is an "at-will" employer.

AH HAA SCHOOL OF THE ARTS is an equal opportunity employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy), sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability, marital status, or status as a U.S. Veteran.

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