



Artist-in-Community (Contract, Part-time)

Blue Star Contemporary
San Antonio, TX

Blue Star Contemporary (BSC), San Antonio's first and longest-running venue for contemporary art, seeks a part-time *Artist-in-Community* educator to engage and teach local students about contemporary art. The successful candidate effectively communicates with school age youth and engages directly with the community as one of the public faces of BSC. This opportunity is for artists and is a part of our Creative Classrooms program. Blue Star Contemporary's Creative Classrooms brings art to local schools. Our Artist-in-Community takes on the task of translating his or her studio practice to hands on activities for third grade students and facilitates the activities in the classroom. These activities encourage creative, critical, and exploratory thinking while introducing students to contemporary art. The ideal candidate is passionate, proactive, organized, and a good communicator. The Artist-in-Community reports to the Education Manager.

Principle Duties and Responsibilities:

- Must dedicate 9 weeks during the school year towards active programming
- Develop lesson plans focused on hands on activities for third graders
- Gather materials for each week's workshops
- Record and track number of students to participate in each session and recap of session with photo documentation
- This is an estimate 10 hour a week commitment (visiting 3-4 classrooms a week)
- Maintain schedule of classroom visits and communicate with teachers and campus administration
- Create versions of lesson plans able to be executed by non-arts educators, to be accessed on Blue Star Contemporary's website following the artist's contract term.
- Align all lessons to State Fine Arts TEKS and other core subject areas when possible, such as Social Studies and Language Arts

Specific Qualifications:

- Must be practicing artist
- Possess excellent communication skills, verbal and written; proficiency in Spanish, a plus.

- Ability to represent BSC with a high level of integrity and professionalism, adhere to institutional policies and support management decisions in a positive, professional manner.
- Demonstrated organizational and task management skills
- Must have experience teaching or conducting workshops
- Good with children
- Dependability, flexibility, and adaptability in dynamic classroom environments. Able to remain calm in stressful situations
- Available during normal school day hours
- Knowledgeable in standard computer applications and programs, for e.g., MS Word, email, and file management software
- Bachelor's degree preferred or equivalent work experience
- Reliable Transportation

Application Guidelines:

- Applicant will submit an application of a letter of interest - clearly describing your skills and experience to meet the qualifications of the position, a resume, 10 image portfolio, teaching philosophy, and sample lesson plan, compiled into a single PDF to mari@bluestarcontemporary.org
- In addition to a formal sit down interview, interviewers will conduct a studio visit with finalists
- The hired applicant will be subject to a background check and drug screening

Additional Information:

Guided by its mission to inspire the creative genius in all of us by nurturing artists, Blue Star Contemporary is a dynamic, innovative destination for contemporary ideas. Blue Star Contemporary is an equal opportunity employer. This is a contract hourly position requiring availability during week day hours and possibly family related public program education events. The Artist-in-Community position is non-exempt from the Fair Labor Standards Act and will receive overtime pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 in a 7-day workweek. Please email in PDF format of the aforementioned application materials to mari@bluestarcontemporary.org. Deadline to apply is Friday, January 19 at 5 p.m.