



Education Manager
Blue Star Contemporary
San Antonio, TX

Blue Star Contemporary, San Antonio's first and longest-running venue for contemporary art, seeks a full-time Education Manager to engage diverse audiences through dynamic art education initiatives that extend the reach of exhibitions and events. The successful candidate is positive, professional, passionate, proactive, and organized; effectively communicates with a wide range of participants, from school age youth to adult audiences; and engages directly with the community as one of the public faces of Blue Star Contemporary. In collaboration with the Curator and Exhibitions Manager and MOSAIC Coordinator, the Education Manager works to ensure equitable access to arts education through community wide coordination. The position reports to the Executive Director.

Principle Duties and Responsibilities

- Develops, executes, and evaluates Blue Star Contemporary's art education programming to engage a wide range of participants of all ages
- Manages and oversees the MOSAIC Student Artist Program
- Manages and oversees the Creative Classrooms program
- Establishes and grow partnerships with area schools, after-school programs, and identifies public outreach opportunities
- Develops and coordinates ongoing art education programming for the Art Education Learning Lab to extend the content of Blue Star Contemporary's exhibitions
- Develops special events to target learning opportunities for audiences of all ages
- Manages Internship Program
- Coordinates volunteer opportunities
- Manages and executes special projects and community partnerships
- Tracks and evaluates effectiveness of education programming

Specific Qualifications

- 3-5 years of professional experience in art education and curriculum development
- Effectiveness in working with participants representing a wide range of ages, abilities, and backgrounds
- Possess excellent communication skills, verbal and written. Proficiency in Spanish, a plus.
- Ability to represent Blue Star Contemporary with a high level of integrity and professionalism, work collaboratively in a dynamic team environment, and uphold institutional policies and support management decisions in a positive manner
- Demonstrated project management and organizational skills
- Knowledgeable in standard computer applications and programs, for e.g., MS Word, email, and file management software
- Knowledgeable with Adobe Creative Suite



Application Guidelines

Applicants should submit a PDF package to include a thoughtful cover letter, a current CV/resume, and 3 references to mary@bluestarcontemporary.org. The successful applicant will be subject to a background check. Application deadline is January 31, 2022 or until the position has been filled.

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. BSC fulfills its mission guided by its core values to be artist-centric, inclusive, educating, forward-thinking, and exceeding expectations, and holds this values expectation of staff. BSC is an equal opportunity employer. This is a full-time, exempt position (35 hours per week), requiring after hours as needed for family-related public program and education events. The salary range for this position is \$45,000 - \$50,000, commensurate with experience. Employee benefits package includes medical, dental, and vision insurance.

About Blue Star Contemporary

Blue Star Contemporary (BSC) believes in the transformative power of the arts. BSC is San Antonio's first and longest-running venue for contemporary art and artists. Launched by artists in a grassroots movement as a survey exhibition in 1986, BSC now encompasses a professional staff, strong Board leadership, celebrated exhibitions, education outreach, international exchange programs, and public art projects. In 2019, over 18,620,000 people engaged with contemporary art through BSC's initiatives — an astonishing reach for an organization with 7 staff members and less than a \$1M operating budget.

Today, BSC continues as an incubator for contemporary art, hosting more than 12 exhibitions annually within its 4 onsite galleries and multiple offsite locations within the community. Contemporary art is full of complex themes, and our exhibitions and public programs translate multifaceted ideas into age-appropriate conversations and engaging, interactive activities. Recent exhibitions have tackled the changing environment, immigration, communication, altered realities, nostalgia, family, and dictatorial governments. The artists present global perspectives that encourage understanding and empathy, which is incredibly valuable in this increasingly divisive time.

BSC makes a wide-reaching impact. As a WAGE-certified organization, BSC advocates for fair compensation for creative work. BSC reduces barriers to participating in the arts and support students, contributing to increasing high school graduation and college readiness rates. Engagement with the arts nurtures emotional intelligence and self-expression. BSC helps people communicate, problem-solve, and support others — skills that enrich the quality of life of our entire community.