



Summer Youth Internship in the Arts

The Rockford Area Arts Council will offer up to 4 paid internships for youth 18+

Application, Selection and Promotion:

Positions are available for the summer of 2022. Interns will be selected from a submitted application with the following criteria:

- Successfully completed one year of New Ways, SPARK!, ArtsPlace or a comparable art program
- Demonstrate leadership skills through extracurricular activities
- Demonstrate interest in continuing their arts education

Pay Rate:

Youth Internship Positions pay \$12.00 per hour

Programs:

SPARK! in the Park, July 18 – July 29 (Two weeks), Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Participant Age Range: Entering 1st grade - 5th grade

Location: Nicholas Conservatory, 1354 N 2nd St, Rockford, IL 61107

From color studies and nature compositions to music and movement, your young artist's creative world will expand and unfold through artistic exposure and hands-on experience. Each child rotates through at least three artistic mediums including, but not limited to, dance + movement, art + nature, visual art, and more. Join us this summer for SPARK in the Park! at the Park District's beautiful Nicholas Conservatory, Rose Garden, and Sea Scout Lodge on the Rock River.

SPARK! Build—Mosaic, August 9 – August 19 (Two weeks), Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Participant Age Range: Middle and High School

Location: Womanspace, 3333 Maria Linden Dr, Rockford, IL 61114

SPARK! Build provides an intensive, hands-on, skill-building apprenticeship program to youths who demonstrate an interest in the arts. Youth will work closely with nationally recognized mosaic artist, Susan Burton, in the planning, construction, and installation of a public sculpture. The student's mosaic work will be recognized publicly by City of Rockford Mayor, Tom McNamara; additionally, there will be permanent signage installed with a SPARK! Mosaic tribute.

The New Ways and SPARK! arts programs allow us to deliver high-level art instruction and mentorship. Youth are mentored by teaching artists who hold advanced degrees in their art form. Youth are engaged in art lessons, practice, leadership opportunities, and creation of a culminating performance or exhibit.

Responsibilities:

Intern work will primarily be artistic. Interns will work on the New Ways and SPARK! teams as an experienced apprentice and fully participate in the creation of new work. Interns will serve as an assistant to the teaching artist in a variety of ways:

- Assist with setup/cleanup
- Assist with artwork creation and reflect on progress
- Mentor small groups, ages 8-10, if applicable
- Serve as a role model
- Document progress/ Take photos and submit daily summaries
- Attend orientation and staff meetings
- Assist with culminating performance or exhibit

Student Benefits:

- Increased sense of responsibility and confidence
- Resume and skill building boost
- Increased scholarship opportunity
- Letters of recommendation for career development

How to apply:

Fill out the Summer Youth Internship Application and a member of the Arts Council will be in touch to schedule an interview.