



AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT ARTIST SEARCH

ABOUT ARTSCOPE

Artscope's mission is to foster emotional well-being, expansive and intentional inclusivity, and environmental harmony through imaginative art

A little about us:

Founded in 2002, Artscope began as a place for children to come together and explore the creative arts; led by a small, dedicated group of local artists, nestled in a historic cottage in Tower Grove Park. For twenty years, we continued to invest in our community, expand our programming, and grow our understanding of what it means to practice creativity in St. Louis. Today, you can find Artscope Teaching Artists heading school art programs, leading specialized workshops in local spaces, directing nature walks and, sometimes, parades around Tower Grove South... the list goes on! We are passionate about creating impactful and direct solutions to minimize community barriers to creative expression, and we need your help!

- We draw on artistic and educational theories of philosophers like Maria Montessori and Augusto Boal
- We provide immersive, artist-led experiences, as our staff is entirely made up of local artists
- We lead by example and model behavior that builds community!
- We are here to support the success, enrichment, and joy of each child.
- We are discovery led, and encourage students to identify and reflect on their interactions with the world around them through the lens of lifelong artistry.
- We strive to utilize education as a collaborative art form, and are so excited for our cohort to learn, create, and discover alongside our students

POSITION

Artscope is searching for a qualified artist with a passion for teaching the visual arts to young people. Reporting to the Artscope Community Manager, teaching artists will have responsibility for facilitating high quality visual art learning experiences for young artists while practicing Artscope's core values of Creativity, Diversity, Ecology, Cooperation and Play.

This position will include art education lesson planning and instruction for after school enrichment programs Teaching Artists will follow an assigned schedule, with an expectation of roughly 15 hours per week (a combination of instructional and prep time). Preparation and lesson planning will be supported by Artscope staff- we have combined decades of experience, and love to problem solve together! The ultimate goal of this position is to fulfill Artscope mission-related activities, and this role may be assigned to various tasks, events, and programming duties under this scope. This Teaching Artist will be required to travel to off-site locations, and attend meetings at the Artscope Cottage in Tower Grove Park.

LOCATION AND SCHEDULE

1. We work with schools all across the metropolitan area, with a current need for staffing in St. Louis City and North St. Louis County.
2. Rough availability should be around 3pm-6pm, depending on the needs of our partnering schools.
3. Specifics of schedule and location will change depending on what school the Teaching Artist is assigned to

RESPONSIBILITIES

*A gentle reminder that there are many unconventional ways to meet these responsibilities and requirements; don't be shy! If you think you'd be a great fit, we want to talk to you!

1. Effectively lead an art experience in a classroom environment
2. Follow classroom standard procedures, as detailed by Artscope
3. Help maintain a clean, safe and welcoming classroom space for students and staff
4. Create interactive, creative lesson plans and curriculum that reinforces Artscope's core values
5. Develop, submit, and present art-based lesson plans appropriate and relevant to students
6. Submit grades through prescribed interface
7. Independently lead arts education in a classroom setting for grades preK-8th
8. Travel to worksites
9. Uphold the Artscope mission
10. Maintain shared stewardship of Artscope common spaces
11. Work collaboratively with other Artscope staff and Teaching Artists on program planning
12. Maintenance and ordering for art room backstock

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

1. Demonstrated experience with children, knowledge of age appropriate, social and emotional learning principles.
2. We prioritize those with practice implementing collaboration in their artistic practice
3. We prioritize those who enjoy working towards a larger vision and applying broadscale teaching and creative philosophies
4. Must have a reliable method of transportation.
5. Excellent written and verbal communication skills.
6. Demonstrated flexibility and creative problem solving skills
7. Must pass a background check.
8. Ability to effectively manage a visual arts classroom that supports the success of each child in art-making and other creative activities.

9. Ability to effectively communicate with the public, including parents and adult family members of program participants and staff of partnering organizations.
10. Effectively represents Artscope's mission and core values in the community.
11. Punctuality and timely response to written and oral communication with Artscope staff.
12. Knowledge of curriculum and lesson plan development for visual arts education is a plus.

COMPENSATION

The Teaching Artist will be compensated at a base rate of \$23-\$25/hour depending on experience. Teaching Artists are required to be on site on all days they are teaching, and to be available for written, verbal, and virtual communication with Artscope staff.

Does this sound like an incredible fit? Send a cover letter, resume and at least two references to sophie.powell@artscopestl.org