Main IDEA Teen Arts Fellowship

Summary:

Main IDEA will choose up to three Teen Art Fellows for the 2019 Year. The Fellows will consist of teens ages 13-17 residing in Worcester and dedicated to developing their leadership and honing their artistic skill in their respective fields including, but not limited to, visual art, creative writing,, drama, and dance. Teen Fellows will assist Main IDEA as Jr. Leaders of the Teen Program throughout the year. Priority for chosen fellows will be given to youth residing/attending school in Main South, Worcester.

Timeline & Honorarium

Three Teen Art Fellows will be chosen from the pool of applicants as early as February 2019. The Fellowship will commence for a 5-month period, each Fellow given an honorarium of \$100 per month, beginning the second month of their fellowship.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- 1. Fellows are responsible for assisting in volunteer and leadership duties at Main IDEA events and programs.
- 2. Fellows are also required to enroll and be weekly participants of the Teen Arts Program.
- 3. Fellows are required to submit a weekly time-log listing time spent on their field of art.
- 4. Fellows will meet with a Main IDEA staff member for a monthly meeting and evaluation.
 - a. Fellows will work with this staff member to create and work toward a set of artistic goals for the duration of their fellowship
- 5. Fellows will create presentations of their art to be shown at the Teen Open Mic & Art Night and Worcester Youth Concert events
- 6. Fellows will submit a final project in conclusion of the fellowship, to be presented at a Main IDEA event night.

Qualifications

- 1. Must reside in Worcester, MA
- 2. Must be between the ages 13-17
- 3. Must be passionate about their artistic field and committed to growing as an artist and leader
- 4. Must complete a <u>Teen Art Fellows Application</u>, including 2 letters of recommendation

Key Outcomes:

- 1. Fellows will gain hands-experience of working as artists in the city
- 2. Fellows will develop their leadership and artistic skills
- 3. Fellows will work with Main IDEA to help create more capacity for youth artists in Worcester



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Schedule:

Fellows must be able to commit to attending the weekly Teen Arts Program on Tuesdays, 5:30-8:30pm, as well as additional Teen Events throughout the year, including by not limited to:

- 1. Friday, May 3rd, 4:30pm-8:30pm
- 2. Friday, May 17th, 4:30pm-8:30pm

Travel:

Teen Fellows must have the ability to travel to program locations and events in a timely manner. The Teen Arts Program will be hosted in Worcester, specifically at:

- 1. Creative Hub Youth Arts, 653 Main Street, Worcester, MA
- Worcester PopUp, 20 Franklin Street, Worcester, MA

Inability to Fulfill Requirements:

Fellows who are found unable to complete the full requirements of the fellowship will be dismissed from the fellowship program, and will not receive the remainder of their honorarium.

Main IDEA Policy

It is the policy of Main IDEA to provide equal opportunities without regard to race, color religion, national origin, gender, sexual preference, age, or disability. All applications are received on a first come, first serve basis. We reserve the right to refuse any applicants at our own discretion.

Main IDEA Non-Discriminatory Statement

Main IDEA aims to provide accessibility to quality arts programs for children in the community, regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability. Main IDEA is committed to respecting and celebrating the rich diversity of the students in our program. We are committed to being voices that reject any hate and bigotry within our program. We are committed to correcting and redeeming situations of discord and hate that may arise within our program into unity, respect, and celebration of diversity. We are committed to use our collective power to support and protect all of our students in our program, and to challenge, rebuff, and resist any attacks on any of our students and staff based on who they are.

