

Danforth Art Teen Docents lead museum tours and educational experiences for children and families, beginning with a training program each summer and continuing throughout the school year.

Who should apply to become a Teen Docent?

Teen Docents have many different backgrounds and interests, but they all share a common passion for art and engaging with children and families from their community. This program is open to students who will be entering grades nine-twelve in the fall. Teen Docents come from towns and schools throughout MetroWest. The program is competitive, and only 10-15 applicants will be accepted each year.

Summer Training Schedule

New Teen Docents are required to complete a Summer Training Program. Summer participants are required to attend four days of training at the beginning of the summer, scheduled for **Monday, June 27 – Thursday, June 30, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.** each day. After this initial training period, the Summer Training Program meets weekly on Wednesdays for training and tours, **10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., July 6 – August 17.** Teen Docents may miss up to two of these Wednesdays with prior authorization. An optional Thursday field trip will be scheduled for the group at a date to be announced. Teen Docents will also have the option of taking one FREE weeklong studio art class in Danforth Art's studio art school. These classes meet M-F, either 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. or 1:00-4:00 p.m.

What To Expect

During the Summer Training Program, Teen Docents will learn and practice strategies for leading museum tours, while getting a behind-the-scenes view of an art museum. Teen Docents will meet past year's Teen Docents, who will serve as mentors during the summer. During the first week of training, exhibiting artists will visit to lead Teen Docents in multi-media workshops. Benefits of this free training program include gaining confidence in public speaking, meeting peers with similar interests, learning about art museum careers, meeting artists, and contributing to Danforth Art's community impact.

School Year Teen Docent Program

Upon completion of the Summer Training Program, Teen Docents are invited to become part-time, paid Danforth Art employees, assisting with educational programs throughout the school year. Teen Docents work 3-10 hours/month during the school year. Teen Docents are invited to participate in the program up until their graduation from high school.

How to Apply

Students interested in applying for the Teen Docent Summer Training Program should fill out a Teen Docent Application, and submit it along with all supplemental materials by the May 1 deadline. All applicants will be asked to come to Danforth Art for an in-person interview with Danforth Art staff.

For More Information

Contact Shauna Gonsalves, Education & Visitor Services Coordinator, at sgonsalves@danforthart.org or 508-620-0050, ext. 43.

TEEN DOCENT APPLICATION – 2016

Date:		
Name:	Age:	Date of Birth:
Street Address:		
City:	Zip:	Phone: (home/cell)
Email Address:		
Name of parent(s) or guardian(s):		
Emergency Contact:	Relationship:	
Daytime phone:	Email:	
High School:	Current Year in School:	
Reference:	Phone and/or email:	
Are there any weeks that you will not be available this summer (because of family vacation, camp, etc.)?		
How did you hear about the Teen Docent Program?		

Supplemental Materials

Please Include with this Application: *(attach separate documents as needed)*

- ▶ In one paragraph, answer one of the following questions:
 - ▷ What do you do in your spare time?
 - ▷ Describe the most important thing that has ever happened to you.
 - ▷ Describe a favorite memory involving a museum visit.
- ▶ Explain, in one paragraph, why you are interested in the Teen Docent Program at Danforth Art.
- ▶ Help us to get to know your creative side by including a sketch, painting, collage, photograph, sculpture, song, video, poem, short story, or other form of creativity! *(note: you do not need to include original artwork; a photograph will suffice)*

Applications are due by May 1, 2016

mail, email, fax, or deliver your application and supplementary materials to:

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