



A signature program of  
**Arts for Learning WNY**

Arts for Learning WNY's signature program, ArtWorks, is a multi-disciplinary, arts-based job training program for Teen Apprentices ages 14-18. For the school year, a cohort of apprentices will engage in both arts activities and projects, led by a Teaching Artist, and professional development days to learn workforce readiness skills. The semester will consist of professional development and art workshops, guest speakers, and off-site trips to various Buffalo-based arts and cultural institutions or post-secondary institutions.

The 2026 - 2027 ArtWorks Program will run for the entire school-year.

Participants should be prepared for 24 weeks of programming that will run October 2026 - May 2027

Sessions occur on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday each week from 4:00 - 6:00 pm.

**Program runs regularly October 19- May 12th.**

There is no program on the following dates due to holidays and school breaks.

**November 3, 11, 23-27, December 21- January 1, January 18, February 15-19**

**March 10 and March 26-April 2**

This will be a \$17.00/hour paid position, with commitments and expectations that meet those of a regular job. You will be expected to attend **ALL** scheduled sessions.

The program will be held **IN PERSON** at the Tri-Main Center, Suite 443, 2495 Main St, Buffalo, NY 14214.

For any questions, please contact:

Paola Torres, Program Coordinator

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**To be considered for the program you must bring your completed application to an open interview day on either Wednesday, June 10th from 4:00-6:00pm or Tuesday, June 16th from 4:00-6:00pm.**

**\*Final interview slot will be 15 mins before end time each day.**

**Incomplete applications WILL NOT be considered! Application packets should include the following:**

1. This completed and signed application form.
2. Typed or written responses to ONE short answer question on this application.
3. Copy of your most recent report card from the 25-26 school year.
4. One **typed letter of recommendation from** a teacher, principal, coach, or guidance counselor.

**\*If you are unable to bring a printed application to the interview day, you may email your application materials to [artworks@artsforlearningwny.org](mailto:artworks@artsforlearningwny.org) prior to the open interview you plan to attend.**

**Personal Information:**

**Legal Name:**  **SSN:**

**Preferred Name:**  **Pronouns:** she/her    he/him    they/them    other:

**Address:**

**Phone:**

**Email:**

**Name of Parent(s) or Legal Guardians(s):**

**Phone Number of Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s):**

**Emails of Parent(s) or Legal Guardians:**

**Current School:**

**Grade:** ☐ 9<sup>th</sup> ☐ 10<sup>th</sup> ☐ 11<sup>th</sup> ☐ 12<sup>th</sup>

**Type of school:** ☐ Public ☐ Private ☐ Homeschool ☐ Charter

**How did you hear about ArtWorks?**

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**Respond to ALL of the following questions.**

1. Will you be able to attend all scheduled sessions (Monday - Wednesday 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM) from **October 19th 2026 - May 12th 2027**

If not, explain why.

2. What jobs/positions have you held in the past as an employer or a volunteer?

| Job Title | Employer Name | Address | Phone Number |
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3. Have you participated in a workforce development program in the past? If so, please describe.

**Answer any ONE of the following questions. Typed responses are encouraged and should be attached separately from this application.**

What job skills are you most interested in developing through the ArtWorks Apprenticeship Program?  
(250-400 words)

Create a one-page short story that defines your community. How does the arts or career in the arts play a part in improving your community? (250-400 words)

How can artistic and creative thinking be applied in the workplace? (250-400 words)

## **BOTH SIGNATURES BELOW ARE REQUIRED**

By signing below, I declare that all information provided on this application is true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge and that I have withheld nothing that, if disclosed, would alter the integrity of this application. I authorize investigations of all statements contained in this application as may be necessary to make an employment decision. I agree that Arts for Learning WNY will not be held liable in any respect if a job offer is not extended, withdrawn, or employment is terminated because of false statements, omissions, or responses made on this application. I understand that employment in ArtWorks is "at will," which means that either I or Arts for Learning WNY can terminate the employment relationship at any time, with or without prior notice, and for any reason not prohibited by law. I hereby acknowledge that I have read and understand this entire application.

Signature of Applicant:

Date:

Signature of Parent/Guardian:

Date:

## **THE NEXT STEP**

You are encouraged to contact the Arts for Learning office **before** open interviews with any questions.

**Open interviews for early admittance will occur at the Arts for Learning Office located at the Tri-Main Center, Suite 443 on the following dates: Wednesday, June 10th from 4:00-6:00pm or Tuesday, June 16th from 4:00-6:00pm**

\*Final interview slot will be 15 mins before end time each day.

Please bring your completed application to one of the open interview events. Upon arrival, your application packet will be reviewed for completeness. All applicants with completed applications will be invited to stay for a brief interview. Interviews will occur on a first-come first-served basis once your application is reviewed.

**\*If you are unable to bring a printed application to the interview day, you may email your application materials to [artworks@artsforlearningwny.org](mailto:artworks@artsforlearningwny.org) prior to the open interview you plan to attend.**

**If hired, you will be provided an employment packet which includes a photo release, a contact information form and a basic health form.**

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