



Call for Student Art Curator!

Application Deadline: July 31st, 11:59PM

Student Curator Program for the Artful Child Gallery **Broome County Arts Council**

Broome County Arts Council is seeking Student Art Curators for the fall semester of 2024 and the spring of 2025. This will be a two-month scholarship program where the student curators will assist Artisan Gallery staff with the BCAC's youth gallery, *The Artful Child Gallery*. Additionally, the student curators will have the opportunity to join the Binghamton University Art Museum for a behind-the-scenes tour of the space and the permanent collection, gaining insights into the needs of a museum with over 4500 objects in their care, as well as the preparation and research needed to mount exhibitions.

This scholarship program is generously sponsored by the Binghamton Arts & Athletics Community Fund to encourage aspiring and young students to gain hands-on experiences in the art world.

What is an art curator? An art curator is someone who works in a gallery and is responsible for building art collections, selecting art for display, writing about art, and arranging artwork within gallery spaces. The role also involves some physical labor that is necessary to install a show, such as patching walls, painting, and hanging the artwork. The curator should possess qualities of responsibility, organization, and kindness, but most importantly, a passion for art. The curator is also required to work with community members to understand the preferences of gallery attendees and the ability to support young artists. The curator's mission is to educate children and adults about art through the organization of art shows.

The *Student Curator* for Artful Child Gallery will be responsible for:

- Work with gallery staff to select artwork that will appeal to viewers and fit in the gallery
- Work with gallery staff to create exhibition titles and descriptions, organize artist headshots, artist bios, and statements
- Determine the layout of the exhibition
- Catalog each piece, gather all necessary information, and maintain careful inventory records
- Assist in wall maintenance and hanging the artwork
- May also create labels and other interpretive materials
- Assist the gallery management team to develop communications, marketing materials, and strategies for website and social media content
- Attend gallery openings and conduct tours of the Artful Child Gallery
- Brainstorm, with the gallery team, exhibition ideas that support current educational needs



This will be a two-month scholarship program for each student curator. Work dates and hours are as follows (and subject to change):

- Two weeks prior to the exhibition installation: Come in one afternoon each week prior to the installation to write an exhibition blurb, artwork descriptions, create the exhibition catalog (as instructed by gallery staff), and make labels, etc.
- One afternoon from 3-5PM for exhibition installation
- Two First Friday evenings from 6-8PM to attend the exhibition openings and act as a docent for the exhibition
- One Saturday afternoon, 1-3PM, for the Artful Child Gallery reception
- Two hours at the Binghamton University Art Museum for a behind-the-scenes tour and meetings with individual staff members.

Submission:

- An overview page with the applicant's name, email address, and website/physical or digital portfolio (if applicable)
- A one-page statement describing your interest and what you hope to gain from this program (maximum 300 words)

Each student curator will be awarded a \$500 scholarship, enrolled in a one-year BCAC Membership, and a two-hour behind-the-scenes tour and meeting with staff members at BUAM.

To Apply:

Please email Connie Barnes, Gallery and Education Manager for the Broome County Arts Council at information@broomearts.org your application, one-page statement, and website/physical or digital portfolio (if applicable) with a subject line: Student Curator Program



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APPLICATION**

Student Information:

Student Name: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Parent/Guardian Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

I, _____ (Parent/Guardian) give permission for my student, _____, to apply for and participate in the Student Curator Program by the Broome County Arts Council. I understand that the work will be done outside of school hours at the Broome County Arts Council Gallery on State St. in Binghamton, NY under the supervision of Connie Barnes.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please attach your one-page statement to this application. Please also include any links to your work or pictures of portfolio pieces you have.