

## **Call for Artist in Residence**

In partnership with the Northern Bedford County High School (NBCHS), Washington County Museum of Fine Arts is seeking a Bedford area artist to help launch a pilot rural, PA art education outreach program. The Artist will work as an Artist-in-Residence, collaborating with NBCHS and the Museum to meet the educational needs of the students.

The Artist in Residence (AIR) will report to NBCHS once a week to instruct students and oversee the development of an installation work of art created with students (for example, a large scale mosaic). The residency will last from November 8<sup>th</sup> -May (Date TBA). AIR will virtually meet with the Director of Education at WCMFA to develop a plan to meet the needs of the residency including active use of the Museum's exhibitions and permanent collection, weekly demonstrations and instruction, and a completed art installation created by students and AIR.

Artist in Residence [teaching artist(s)]:

\$40 per hour, one full day a week.

Application requirements:

- Working artist, portfolio of 10 pieces of any artwork submitted to [educator@wcmfa.org](mailto:educator@wcmfa.org).
- Bachelor's Degree preferred but not required
- Effective communicator
- Experience with youth, passing all required background clearances
- Flexible

Expectations:

- Effectively communicate with WCMFA education department and NBCHS staff
- Deliver lesson plans and instruction to NBCHS students
- Oversee the development and creation of a large scale artwork with approval of plans from NBCHS
- Work with WCMFA to bring collection and exhibition-based learning to school through lessons and art making reflections.
- Coordinate and facilitate a field trip for students, with WCMFA and NBCHS, to the WCMFA.

**To apply, email Kellie Mele, Director of Education at the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts, [educator@wcmfa.org](mailto:educator@wcmfa.org)**

**More about Washington County Museum of Fine Arts:**

WCMFA is a nationally accredited institution recognized by the American Alliance of Museums. Located in Hagerstown's City Park, the Museum has a collection at 7000 works of art with strengths in American art, 19<sup>th</sup>-century European and collections of world cultures. The WCMFA has a rich history in education since its founding in 1931. The Museum began a partnership with local schools to create the Museum Literacy Program in the 1940s and continues to grow and strengthen each year. WCMFA is now beginning to pilot outreach programs to create and expand museum accessibility to rural, PA students.

**Program Design**

Students will work under the direction of the Artist in Residence and the classroom teacher to create projects, study historic perspectives and design and create a lasting piece of installation artwork that can be appreciated by the community of Northern Bedford County School District for many years. This installation work will be completed during the times when the Artist in Residence oversees the class. On this same day, NBC will coordinate shared planning time between the Artist in Residence and the NBC staff in order to ensure successful instructional delivery the remaining four days of each week. Additionally, the WCMFA Director of Education will help to support this collaboration, facilitate materials, and draw connections for students. The program will additionally include student travel to WCMFA for guided tours of the museum and learning experiences provided by the Director of Education or a suitable member of the WCMFA team.