



Cultural and Creative Arts Center
of the Santa Maria Valley

Hands-on Art Mentors

Applications due February 24th

About Corazón del Pueblo

The Cultural and Creative Arts Center of the Santa Maria Valley (Corazón del Pueblo) is Santa Maria's first Latinx Cultural Center. We focus on promoting equitable access to creative expression in the performing, visual, and literary arts, preserving the heritages that make our multicultural futures powerful. More info at www.corazondelpueblo.org

About the Job Opportunity

Corazón del Pueblo is currently seeking multiple Hands-on Art Mentors to help high school students in Santa Maria with creating culturally enriching paintings for the “**Nuestra Loteria**” Program. We are looking for college art students and/or trained artists who show a passion for social activism, pride in their heritage, and passion for art. Our goal with this position is to provide an opportunity for current or aspiring artists to develop their art & leadership skills while simultaneously helping Santa Maria Valley youth preserve their cultural heritage, learn about social issues and find their own artistic voices.

This is a paid 8 week temporary work opportunity on a contract basis. The program runs every spring and takes place directly inside Ethnic and Gender Studies classrooms in collaboration with teachers at Santa Maria Valley High Schools.

About “Nuestra Loteria” Program

In collaboration with Santa Maria Joint Union High School District, Corazón del Pueblo is working with Ethnic & Gender Studies (EGS) teachers to implement a cultural art project involving students from Santa Maria, Pioneer Valley and Ernest Righetti High Schools. The program teaches high school students about Latinx cultural history, social issues and how to share their own voices and lived experiences through the development and creation of their own loteria paintings. The project is celebrated at our annual Loteria Community Gallery event on June 2nd, where student's artworks are shared with their families, elected officials and the wider community.

Please visit our previous Loteria virtual galleries online for reference at:

Nuestraloteria.com

Requirements

- Must have some practical art training or experience. For example:
 - Current or previous painting classes or workshops working with paints and/or color mixing
 - or
 - Life drawing, line art, sketching or digital illustration courses/experience on things like perspective, proportions etc.
 - Other related experience will also be considered
- Be courteous and personable when working with students and teachers.
- Committed to working with diverse groups and historically marginalized populations
- Willingness to learn new skills (trainings from a working professional artist will be provided)
- Willingness to learn and talk to students about a range of social justice issues (trainings provided)
- Be timely, good at communicating, responsible and a self starter
- Individuals are required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Individuals with a documented medical exemption will need to provide a negative test result prior to all in-person activities.
- Spanish is a plus

Responsibilities

- Assisting students through the development of their Loteria paintings, from researching/brainstorming ideas and initial sketching, to fully painting their pieces.
- Work with students to learn and practice skills taught by pre-recorded professional lessons.
- Talk to students about the social issues they might want to highlight with their paintings individually or at a classroom discussion level.
- Meeting with other paid mentors, teachers and supervisors to discuss progress and improvements weekly.

Job Details

- Pay is \$25/hr
- The position is temporary, through contract and does not include any additional employee benefits
- Payments will be made at the end of each month through paycheck or direct deposit
- All hours are during the regular school day (Monday - Fridays 8:30am - 3:55pm) but **mentors can arrange what specific hours and days to work ahead of time**
- Multiple mentors will be hired to allow for flexibility of schedules
- Up to 35 hours a week, for 8 consecutive weeks
- Paid trainings will be provided on the first week and as needed
- Trainings start the week of March 13th

- Classroom mentorships start March 20th and End May 12 (with spring break week off)
- 2 mentors will be assigned to each class.

To Apply:

- Send us a **Resume** that includes any practical art experience plus any other work experience. As well as a **short (1-2 paragraph) Statement** on why you would like to work with disadvantaged Latinx youth.
 - (Feel free to include information on your interest in social issues, cultural preservation, your background or anything else that might let us know about you)
- Send both Resume and Statement as PDF or Word attachments to evelyn@corazondelpueblo.org

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