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## Teaching Artist – Visual Arts

### POSITION OVERVIEW

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<u>Compensation:</u>	\$25-\$30/hour, neg. DOE
<u>FLSA Status:</u>	Part-Time (20-30 hours per week), Temporary. Non-Exempt. Evening availability is required.
<u>Location:</u>	ARTS Center (National City, CA) In-person and on-site at programming locations.
<u>Reports to:</u>	ARTS on Campus Program Coordinator
<u>Direct Reports:</u>	Program Assistant
<u>Period:</u>	May 22 – July 17, 2024

A Reason To Survive (ARTS) is a creative youth development nonprofit and community art center serving youth and young adults across South County communities of San Diego. Established in 2001, ARTS has served thousands of youth and families through high-quality arts education, community-based projects, and supportive services.

### POSITION DESCRIPTION

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The **Summer Program Teaching Artist** is a temporary, part-time role at ARTS who will design and deliver summer programming, taking place at school site locations throughout the San Diego Unified School District and at the ARTS Center. As part of the ARTS on Campus Summer Program, Teaching Artists will lead creative art classes, workshops, and collaborative art projects. The Summer camps will serve youth ages 8-11 (grades 3rd – 5th) in the central region of San Diego County.

“ARTS On Campus” brings fun, hands-on, culturally relevant arts programming to 3rd-5th graders to San Diego Unified schools. Each four-week experience will include a variety of visual art projects that students can take home, collaborative projects, and a culminating exhibition of final artwork/youth presentations that families can attend. Students will develop creativity and other academic skills, grow community, and build confidence through collaboration and positive self-expression.

## QUALIFICATIONS

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- Any combination equivalent to: Bachelor's degree, minimum two years of experience teaching visual art (painting, comic book illustration, or other media), digital or media art, industrial design, music, and/or performing arts to elementary school aged youth.
- Passion for delivering art education that is healing-centered, and contributes towards community-building in the South Bay/Central San Diego.
- Excellent organizational skills required to inspire and lead youth and staff.
- Software: Microsoft Office (Word & Excel), Google Suite (Docs, Sheets, Meet, Forms, etc), Slack, Asana, and Dropbox or willing to learn.
- Be culturally sensitive when interacting with youth and families, interns and volunteers, community members and partners.
- Strong verbal and written communication skills to work effectively with colleagues, youth and families, and the wider public.
- Must be positive, organized, analytical and a capable problem-solver.
- Must be able to successfully pass a Live Scan fingerprinting security clearance with the DOJ and FBI.
- Non-profit work experience, experience working with schools and districts (preferred).
- Bilingual in Spanish (preferred).

## DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

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- Develop and deliver a culturally-relevant arts curriculum integrating CYD [program characteristics](#) and [values](#), promoting community-building, civic engagement, and well-being:
  - "ARTS on Campus" Summer Program: Creative arts programming hosted at various school sites throughout San Diego Unified School District. June-July.
  - Curriculum should include structured lesson plans that are flexible to meet students needs, social emotional learning objectives, creativity, fun for all participants.
  - The ability to adapt and provide both structured lessons and fun filled games, activities, or prompts for students to fill up free time.
- Collaborate with the ARTS team to host successful, culminating in-person exhibitions by collecting, archiving, displaying and distributing youth work at the end of each camp session.
- Lead community engagement through open communication with all youths, parents and caregivers, staff, and community alike.
- Attend orientation, training, meetings, and debrief sessions as a way to establish regular reporting and enhancing curricula & teaching practice.
- Collaborate with Program Assistants to efficiently manage art classes and implement curriculum.

- Work with the Program Coordinator to order, compile, and distribute materials and supplies that support the curriculum to participating youth.
- General administrative duties (email, communication, data entry, etc.) and collaborative work with the ARTS team are essential in order to successfully implement quality ARTS education programs.
- Ensure that the ARTS Center and our programming sites in the community are safe and welcoming spaces for all: youth and families, staff, teaching artists and partners, community members.

## PHYSICAL DEMANDS

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- Able to sit, stand and squat throughout the day during classes, at meetings, etc.
- Able to stand for up to 4 hours while delivering camps to youth.
- Able to walk, jump, run and move around uneven ground surfaces.
- Able to sit for prolonged periods of time at meetings, desk, computer.
- Able to sit at a desk and view a computer screen for up to two hours.
- Able to speak into and use a telephone.
- Able to lift and transport up to 25 pounds.
- Able to push/pull, may involve use of arms/hands, feet/legs.
- Able to reach overhead or below shoulder level.
- Able to hear, understand and distinguish speech and/or other sounds.

The statements contained herein describe the scope of the responsibility and essential functions of this position, but should not be considered to be an all-inclusive listing of work requirements. Individuals may perform other duties as assigned. Nothing in this job description restricts management's right to assign or reassign duties and responsibilities to this job at any time unless restricted by a negotiated contract.

### **At-Will Employment Status.**

## HOW TO APPLY

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### **Application Deadline: Monday, May 17, 2024**

Send the following materials to: [opportunities@areasontosurvive.org](mailto:opportunities@areasontosurvive.org)

- Resume / CV
- 1-page Letter of Interest
- Please name the subject heading "**Summer Program Teaching Artist**"