

*The LA County Arts Education Collective is dedicated to making the arts core in public education. Established in 2002 by the LA County Board of Supervisors, the Arts Ed Collective connects school districts, arts organizations and other key stakeholders working to ensure that dance, music, theatre, visual and media arts are fundamental in the learning and growth of all the County's 1.5 million public school children, both in schools and in communities.*

Coordinated by the LA County Arts Commission, The Los Angeles County Arts Ed Collective is pleased to announce the formation of a Youth Advisory Council, which will offer young leaders a voice in shaping a new LA County Regional Plan for Arts Education. The Regional Plan will set forth strategies for advancing arts education across Los Angeles County, both in schools and in communities, with a focus on scale, equity and inclusion.

The Youth Advisory Council will be comprised of up to 15 young leaders, ages 18-24, who are passionate about the arts and have an interest in civic action. Representatives from community-based organizations, arts institutions, school districts and institutes of higher education are invited to nominate youth to serve on the Youth Advisory Council and to play a supporting role throughout the project period. Youth may also nominate themselves, but must include a letter of recommendation that describes why they are a good candidate for this opportunity.

## PROJECT GOALS

- Engage and amplify youth voice in updating the LA County Regional Plan for Arts Education
- Ensure robust youth participation at community meetings where stakeholders and advocates will contribute their ideas and expertise to the new Plan
- Allow young people to shape the role of youth in the ongoing leadership of the Arts Ed Collective
- Cultivate a network of young leaders interested in arts education policy and advocacy

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

- Participate in civic engagement
- Develop leadership skills through direct participation in a Countywide regional planning process
- Become part of a Countywide peer network of creative young leaders interested in arts education
- Advocate to improve and expand access to arts education and creative careers
- Engage in learning opportunities related to arts education policy and advocacy
- Receive a \$2,250 stipend for participation (based on an estimated 132 hours @ \$17/ hr)

## EXPECTATIONS (Project Period: April 2019 – December 2019)

### Youth Advisory Council members will be expected to:

- Attend and actively participate in meetings and events:
  - Orientation meeting, April 2019
  - Two 4-hour meetings per month, May – December 2019 (virtual attendance via video conferencing will be permitted)
  - A minimum of two community events, May – June 2019
    - Serve as an Ambassador to increase youth attendance and participation
    - Serve as a Greeter and/or Facilitator to engage community participants
  - LA County Board of Supervisors meeting to support adoption of the new Regional Plan for Arts Education, Fall 2019
  - LA County Arts Education Summit, Fall 2019
  - Culmination Event, December 2019
- Support civic engagement in the regional planning process:
  - Review and help to organize input from the field
  - Help to identify priorities and strategies
  - Bring youth perspective to dialogue focused on scale, access, equity, and inclusion
  - Define the role of youth in the ongoing leadership of the Arts Ed Collective

- Work collaboratively and respectfully with others:
  - Communicate ideas effectively and respectfully
  - Constructively receive feedback
  - Think critically about complex topics and value diverse perspectives
  - Be personally accountable
  - Practice basic time management skills

## COMMUNITY PARTNER ENGAGEMENT

Community partners are invited to support the Youth Advisory Council to participate in the following ways:

\* Long-term commitment is not required.

- Share this opportunity throughout your networks
- Nominate up to two young people to serve on the Youth Advisory Council
- Support youth in creating their written, audio or video application
- Serve as a mentor to a Youth Advisory Council member, providing support, context and expertise to guide their active participation
- Invite Youth Advisory Council members to attend events presented by your organization
- Host meetings at your site

## PROJECT TIMELINE

<b>Guidelines and Application Available</b>	<b>March 26, 2019</b>
<b>Deadline to Apply</b>	<b>April 23, 2019</b>
<b>Notification of Selection</b>	<b>May 14, 2019</b>
<b>Youth Advisory Council Orientation</b>	<b>May 23, 2019</b>
<b>Project Period</b>	<b>May 2019 – December 2019</b>
<b>Culmination Event</b>	<b>December 2019</b>

## ELIGIBILITY

Residents of Los Angeles County who are 18-24 years old at the time of application are eligible to participate. Youth Advisory Council members will enter into a contract with the Los Angeles County Arts Commission to receive their stipend. Prior to contracting, participants will need to obtain a Los Angeles County Vendor Number by providing a Social Security Number "SSN", Employer Identification Number "EIN", Individual Taxpayer Identification Number "ITIN" or a Taxpayer Identification Number for Pending U.S. Adoptions "ATIN". Participants will also be required to complete a [W-9 tax form](#).

## SELECTION CRITERIA

Ideal candidates will be passionate about the arts, committed to expanding access to the arts for other young people, and interested in community organizing, social justice, or policymaking.

The ideal application will convey the candidate's skills, experience, interest and commitment in the following:

- Interest in and commitment to expanding youth access to the arts
- Experience playing a leadership role among peers or in the community
- Ability to contribute as part of a team and carry tasks through to completion
- Reliability; accountability
- Prior participation in the arts, either in school or in the community
- Interest in civic engagement, community organizing or policymaking

Youth Advisory Council members will be selected based on information provided in their written, audio or video application, as well as through a written nomination or recommendation from a teacher, mentor, or supervisor.

The LA County Arts Ed Collective is coordinated by the LA County Arts Commission. The Arts Commission does not discriminate on the basis of race, religious creed, color, ethnic or national origin, ancestry, citizenship status, uniformed service member status, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, marital status, sex, pregnancy, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, or any other protected basis under the law.

Although voluntary, demographic information is collected and considered as part of the selection process to ensure diverse and equitable representation across race and ethnicity, gender, age, physical ability, LGBTQ status, income, arts disciplines, and regions of the County.

## HOW TO APPLY

Complete applications must be submitted [online](#) by 11:59 pm on **Tuesday, April 26, 2019** to be considered. It is strongly recommended that candidates submit their application at least three days prior to the deadline to give ample time to troubleshoot. Late or incomplete applications will be deemed ineligible and will not be considered for review.

The full application is comprised of three distinct parts:

1. Applicant Information
  - a. To be completed by the candidate
2. Applicant Questionnaire
  - a. To be completed by the candidate
  - b. May be submitted in written, audio or video format\*
  - c. Questions:
    - Why are you interested in participating in the LA County Arts Ed Collective's Youth Advisory Council?
    - What skills and experiences will you bring to the Youth Advisory Council?
    - How have the arts made an impact in your life?
    - Describe how you have demonstrated leadership among your peers or in your community.
    - Describe your interest or experience in working to make a positive difference in the quality of life in your community.
3. Nomination -OR- Recommendation
  - a. To be completed by a teacher, mentor or supervisor who can speak to the applicant's skills, strengths, and why they are an excellent candidate for this opportunity
  - b. Representatives from community-based organizations, arts institutions, school districts and institutes of higher education are invited to nominate youth to serve on the Youth Advisory Council and to play a supporting role throughout the project period
  - c. Youth may nominate themselves, but must also include a Recommendation
  - d. Nominations and Recommendations must be submitted using the form provided as part of the application

Questionnaire responses:

- Community partners who nominate youth may support them in creating a written, audio, or video application by interviewing candidates using the Application Questions listed above
- Candidates who self-nominate may also have a peer or mentor interview them using the Application Questions listed above
- Audio or video-recorded interviews should not exceed ten minutes total

## SELECTION PROCESS

### PART 1: Pre-Screening

LA County Arts Ed Collective staff review all applications to ensure eligibility requirements.

### PART 2: Essay/ Audio/ Video Evaluation (100 points)

Review Panelists evaluate and score applications from eligible candidates (including essay/ audio/ video responses and nomination/ recommendation letters) according to the following criteria:

SCORING CRITERIA	POINTS
Interest in and commitment to expanding youth access to the arts	25
Experience playing a leadership role among peers or in the community	25
Ability to contribute as part of a team and carry tasks through to completion	10
Reliability; accountability	10
Prior participation in the arts, either in school or in the community	20
Interest in civic engagement, community organizing or policymaking	10
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>

### PART 3: Review Panel Meeting

Review Panelists convene to discuss applications and recommend final candidates.

#### **PART 4: Final Youth Arts Council Composition**

LA County Arts Ed Collective staff review recommended candidates and finalize Youth Advisory Council selection: 15 participants, 3 from each Supervisorial district. The final composition of the Youth Advisory Council will reflect diverse and equitable representation across race and ethnicity, gender, age, physical ability, LGBTQ status, income, arts disciplines, and regions of the County.

#### **REVIEW PANEL**

Applications will be reviewed and scored by a diverse panel of arts and education professionals who have experience serving transitional age youth. The panel may include teaching artists, high school or college arts teachers, nonprofit youth development program staff, and youth employment program staff.

#### **MORE INFORMATION**

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