Leadership Training Assistants 2027

Total Arts!
Creative Arts Workshops

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

- The Leadership Training Assistant Program is for students aged 12 & up who are interested in the creative arts and working with children
- Under the guidance and supervision of Total Arts staff, Leadership Training Assistants (LTAs) will gain valuable experience as they support the children who are participating in our summer programs
- LTAs will assist in the daily operation of summer programs and serve as role models for younger students
- The goal of the LTA program is to provide leadership opportunities as students are involved in a variety of areas: help with activities, organize materials, clean the work spaces, and more
- Skills learned during this program will help prepare teens to be productive, responsible members of the larger community
- Program fees for 2027: $100/wk *(no increase from 2026)*

EXPECTATIONS:

- LTAs will be expected to be fully engaged throughout their time in the program, learning to take initiative to help students have a positive experience at Total Arts!
- As role models they will be expected to follow instructions, demonstrate appropriate behavior, be respectful of others, and manage their time responsibly
- LTAs will be assisting students with their activities, but they will also have the chance to create their own projects while students are working independently, or participate in performances
- There will be a mandatory group training day for LTAs prior to the beginning of summer programs (in May or June, date TBD)
- LTAs will be expected to be available for the full schedule for the week or weeks they are assigned to this program
  - Most programs run from 9:00-3:00, M-F
  - LTAs can choose from several program weeks

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WHY BE A SUMMER ASSISTANT?

- Gain a "behind-the-scenes" look at running a small business
- Learn how to plan and implement lessons in the creative arts
- Stretch yourself to try new things and gain self-confidence
- Develop leadership and communication skills
- Learn how to be flexible and creative when problem-solving
- Learn to work as part of a team towards a common goal
- Gain skills needed to work with children in a group setting
- Help create lasting memories for children in the program
- Establish contacts for job and character references

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

- This program is for students who are 12 & up
- You must have completed at least 6th grade in order to participate
- Ages 12 & 13 are in LTA 1; Ages 14 & up are in LTA 2
- Some interest, experience, and/or skill in an area of the creative arts would be beneficial but is not required
- Examples of creative areas include, but are not limited to;
  - Visual art (drawing, painting, working with clay or fabric, etc.), making crafts (jewelry, wood working, etc.), dance, drama, singing, musical theater, writing stories or poetry, etc.
- You should enjoy working with children aged 3-11 years old

HOW TO APPLY:

- Read over the program details, talk to a parent about it
- Complete the Leadership Training Assistant Program online application form, which must be signed by a parent or guardian
- Schedule an interview. We would like to meet with you in-person at Total Arts to go over your application and answer any questions you may have about the program. Bring a parent/guardian with you.
- We will accept 2-3 LTAs during each program week
- You are welcome to list more than 1 week that interests you. We may be able to schedule you for multiple weeks.