

Ceramics Youth Teaching Artist/Studio Tech Job Description

Location: Flower City Arts Center, 713 Monroe Avenue, Rochester, New York 14607;
<https://flowercityarts.org/>

About Us: *MISSION: Flower City Arts Center is a community-focused nonprofit organization that provides education, support, and access for people to create and enjoy art. Flower City Arts is 56 years old and is headquartered in an old firehouse built in 1896.*

Job Summary: The role is responsible for planning and implementing youth programs for ages 6 - 18. This includes classes, summer camps, custom programs, and the summer High School Residency. Applicants should expect to teach adult classes as needed. Additional responsibilities include assisting the Studio Manager with tasks like loading kilns, reclaiming clay, mixing glazes, and maintaining a clean and safe studio environment.

Reports to: Director of Ceramics and Firehouse Gallery

Knowledge/Skills Required: Candidates should have basic knowledge of the ceramics field, including best practices for safe studio maintenance. They should have experience teaching all ages, with emphasis on K-12, and be able to develop curriculum for a variety of processes. Applicants must be organized, motivated, with good customer service skills, and able to lift 50 pounds. Must have good communication skills, and the ability to work both independently and collaboratively, as part of a whole team.

Key Responsibilities: Develops and teaches youth classes; organizes and maintains inventory of low-fire glazes and student tools; assists in organizing K-12 tours, programs, and off-site learning experiences; assists in maintenance and organization of the studio by helping Studio Manager load, unload and fire kilns; reset class shelves and reclaim clay; maintains our cone 6 & 10 glazes; and keeps a clean space. Candidates will be expected to help in all areas of the studio, including at times gallery load-in/load-out and repair/repaint of gallery walls.

Minimum Qualifications: BFA or MFA preferred; 2 - 3 years of experience teaching and working within a ceramic studio; nonprofit, or community ceramics studio experience a plus.

Hours: Full-time (32 - 40 hours/week)

Pay Range: \$18 - 20 / hour

Benefits: The Flower City Arts Center creates an open and collaborative work environment with a variety of benefits, vacation days, sick leave, holidays, class enrollment (space permitting and paying any applicable materials fees), free parking, available health, dental, and vision insurance plan choices, flexibility, and engagement in events, exhibits, and art openings.

The Teaching Artist/Studio Tech will be able to purchase materials and firing at cost. (Firing may not interrupt student work or impede the studio flow.)

How to Apply:

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter and resume outlining qualifications and experience by **June 25, 2026**. Please include three professional references. Email to: Kate Whorton, Director of Ceramics & Firehouse Gallery; kwhorton@flowercityarts.org

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