Who are ASTEP Volunteer Teaching Artists?

Our Volunteer Teaching Artists are positive and energetic individuals who love to collaborate. They use the arts to develop skills such as teamwork, innovation, and creative thinking in the students they teach.

Moreover, our Volunteer Teaching Artists are motivated by their belief in the power of the arts to transform children’s lives. We are cultivating a community of artists who make using the arts as a tool to empower youth a primary part of their lives and practice.

Volunteer Teaching Artist Experience

ASTEP Volunteer Teaching Artists engage with youth ages 4-21 across the U.S. and around the world. In each of the communities that ASTEP serves, youth experience poverty in various ways—lack of educational opportunities, social and economic barriers, violence, and poor physical and mental health. Our Volunteer Teaching Artists help to create a nurturing and safe environment and provide our students with the skills, knowledge, and emotional wellbeing they require to thrive during adolescence and into adulthood.

ASTEP Volunteer Teaching Artists deliver arts classes during after-school programs and multi-week arts camps through a variety of artistic mediums, including storytelling, filmmaking, dance, visual art, music, musical theatre, and creative writing.

Programs are held on site at our partner organizations, which are schools or community centers. Our summer camps in Florida and Arkansas as well as our international programs provide Volunteer Teaching Artists with nutritious meals and housing that is safe and secure. During a program placement, Volunteer Teaching Artists will continually receive support from ASTEP staff—it’s our job to make sure you feel confident and supported every step of the way!

Volunteer Application Process

1. Learn more about each specific program by visiting our website!
2. Fill out the Inquiry Form, indicating where you’re interested in volunteering
3. Within about 2 days an ASTEP team member will reach out to guide you through the next steps
4. Submit a completed application form
5. Interview with a member of the ASTEP team
6. Complete an ASTEP General Training session
7. Receive your placement and be on your way to changing lives through the arts!