

Volunteer Fact Sheet



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!

Becoming a Volunteer Teaching Artist

After your application has been received, you will be interviewed by a member of the ASTEP team. Volunteer Teaching Artists are required to complete a comprehensive training that includes classroom planning, policies and procedures, child safeguarding and cultural sensitivity. Upon successfully completing the training, Volunteer Teaching Artists receive a program placement based on interests, skills, and availability. For ASTEP's international programs, Volunteer Teaching Artists must cover the cost of their travel, including airfare, visas, and immunizations—ASTEP will provide you with a personalized fundraising tool to help you reach your goal. We're here to make sure you're prepared!

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U.S. PROGRAMS

In NYC, Arkansas and South Florida, ASTEP Volunteer Teaching Artists serve a population of youth affected by the justice system, incarceration, gun violence, homelessness, immigration status, systemic poverty, and HIV/AIDS. Two-hour volunteer opportunities are available year-round as well as multi-week summer camps.

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

In India and South Africa, ASTEP Volunteer Teaching Artists work with children from deeply underserved communities and those affected by HIV/AIDS. Volunteer opportunities are available year-round as well as multi-week art camps.

ASTEP LEADERS NETWORK

Through Workshops, ASTEP Chapters and the annual Artist as Citizen Conference, ASTEP engages young artists in the diverse ways they can strengthen communities and empower individuals through the arts.

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!

Artists Striving To End Poverty seeks to represent the diverse communities it serves and does not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender expression, age, height, weight, physical or mental ability, veteran status, military obligations, marital status or favorite color.