

ARTWorks

a program of

Young Audiences of Northeast Ohio

WHAT:

ArtWorks is the only multi-disciplinary arts-based job training program for Northeast Ohio high school students that is designed to provide instruction in the arts while developing workplace skills. For six weeks in the summer, **ArtWorks** apprentices create visual and performing art and learn valuable workforce skills.



Today's workers must be able to solve multifaceted problems by thinking creatively and generating original ideas from multiple sources of information. Through **ArtWorks**, teens learn how to work cooperatively, professionally, and responsibly while earning a wage. With the assistance of the Human Resources Department of Forest City, teens participate in team building exercises, resume development, and interview skill training. The on-going interactions with professional artists create mentoring relationships for the apprentices who learn essential, 21st-century skills that are transferable to any career.



In addition to creating art, apprentices host performances and exhibitions of their work that are enjoyed by the entire community. Apprentices also work with their Master Teaching Artist to develop professional portfolios. Several times

throughout the program, guest speakers from the business, arts, and civic community speak with the apprentices about their own careers and the various ways that arts skills and creativity are valued in business settings. **ArtWorks** provides apprentices and their parents with workshops about the college application and financial aid processes through a partnership with Cleveland Scholarship Program. A university tour is part of the program.

WHEN:

Apprentices work Monday-Friday for six hours a day, five days a week, from mid June to the end of July. A minimum of two performances/exhibits are presented to the public.



WHERE:

ArtWorks takes place in centrally-located venues that are easily accessible by public transportation. Studio and performance spaces are open to the public. Artists and apprentices invite onlookers to learn more about the program and become engaged in their projects.

WHO:

All Northeast Ohio high school students entering 10th, 11th, or 12th grade are eligible to apply. Master Teaching Artists must have a strong desire to mentor high school students and have a clear understanding of what it takes to be a member of a competitive, global workforce.