



WORD LAB // TEACHING ARTIST

Position Description

Summer 2017

Mission

826CHI is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting students ages 6 to 18 with their creative and expository writing skills, and to helping teachers inspire their students to write. Our services are structured around the understanding that great leaps in learning can happen with one-on-one attention, and that strong writing skills are fundamental to future success. More information can be found at www.826chi.org.

Culture

826CHI is a creative organization that highly values collaboration, creativity, and strategic thinking. There is a lot of laughter in the 826CHI office, yet we take our work seriously and operate with a high degree of professionalism. 826CHI staff members work hard, care about details, and work both independently and as part of a team. Our model is inherently community-based and values building strong relationships with Chicago's many communities.

Commitment to Inclusion

As an organization committed to encouraging youth in their creative expression, personal growth, and academic success, 826CHI recognizes the importance of diversity at all levels and in all aspects of our work. In order to build and maintain the safe, supportive 826 environment in which great leaps of learning occur, we commit to inclusion: we will not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, ethnicity, age, gender identity, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, nationality, marital status, language, parental status, military service, or (dis)ability. We strive to put our values into action through planning, decision making, and community building.

ABOUT THE POSITION

826CHI is seeking a Teaching Artist to co-lead our annual summer writing workshop, The Word Lab, a visual arts-based writing program for 1st through 5th Chicago students. The Teaching Artist will support 826CHI's Program Manager in workshop planning and execution, specifically deepening connections with visual art components of the curriculum.

Teaching Artists will have the support of trained volunteers and interns, who assist students in their art making and writing during workshop sessions. The successful applicant is an art educator with experience engaging elementary-aged English language learners in a community-based setting.

Schedule:

Program hours - Mondays through Thursdays, July 10-20, 1-4pm (\$840)

Planning hours - 6 hours (\$150)

Pay:

\$35/hr in the classroom plus \$25/hr paid time for planning and training

Reporting:

The Word Lab Teaching Artist reports to the Director of Programs.

Key Responsibilities

- Co-create and inform age-appropriate, project-based visual art and writing curriculum
- Co-facilitate each session of the workshop
- Communicate regularly with the Director of Education
- Support on-site volunteers, acting as a liaison between volunteers and students
- Submit timesheets, reports, and other administrative documents
- Support the planning and execution of a culminating student event

Qualifications and Skills

- Bachelor's degree or relevant experience
- Artistic excellence in their discipline
- Experience working with youth, ideally English Language Learners
- A passion to improve literacy and a deep commitment to student success
- Excellent communication skills, both written and interpersonal
- Excellent organizational skills: ability to multi-task
- A strong work ethic, a collaborative spirit, self-starter
- Proficient with computer applications — (i.e. Microsoft office suite, Google Drive)
- A deep passion and commitment to the mission of 826CHI

TO APPLY

826CHI is an equal opportunity employer. 826CHI is committed to building a culturally diverse and pluralistic team. We strongly encourage applicants from underrepresented communities in the education and nonprofit sectors to apply. To apply, submit your letter of interest, resume, and list of two professional references to Maria@826chi.org. For questions, please call 773.772.8108. The application deadline is June 30th, 2017

826CHI does not discriminate in hiring. We encourage people from all backgrounds to apply for this and all posted positions.