

volunteer **guide**



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about **young audiences of houston**

Now in its 67th year, Young Audiences of Houston implements over 3,918 programs each year with 186 talented artists that reach over 254,670 students and teachers annually at schools, libraries, community centers, and hospitals.

our vision

Expand on innovative ways to connect with partners, artists, and students through programming, communication, and events.

our values

- Arts Accessibility
- Children First
- Demonstrated iMPACT
- Systemic Change + Innovation
- Collaboration + Teamwork
- Quality Programming



our programs

- Arts & Culture Performances + Arts Integration Residencies
- Arts Promise Programs for At-Risk and Incarcerated Youth
- Healing Arts Programs for Children's Hospitals and Shelters
- Discovery Arts Programs for Youth with Learning Differences

Volunteer Roles

how to get involved

Volunteers are a critical component to Young Audiences of Houston and each year we engage more than 92 individuals through board, committee, and volunteer service to further our mission and vision.

In this volunteer guide, you'll find several ways to get involved in our outreach and services, from boosting our social media to hands-on support at our programs. If you have any questions or suggestions, please don't hesitate to contact Young Audiences of Houston.

Volunteer Roles



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How it works

- 1 **Select your role**
- 2 **Email selection to**
yahou@yahouston.org
- 3 **Complete a brief virtual interview**
- 4 **Background check**
- 5 **Accept volunteer opportunity placement**

Info Table Assistant

public programs + events

overview

Young Audiences of Houston provides more than 1,200 free public programs and events each year at parks, community centers, libraries, and venues across Houston. As a volunteer, you will be an ambassador for YAH and help the program run smoothly. This a fun and easy way to get involved in your community! Check out the calendar at www.yahouston.org/public-performances.



time commitment: 1-2 hours
working with kids: yes
public speaking: yes
requirements: 15 years +



volunteer tasks

1. Pick up YAH materials the day before the program or event
2. Set up YAH table at the program or event
3. Encourage adults to sign up for the YAH newsletter
4. Offer freebies and YAH swag to attendees
5. Distribute YAH event flyers
6. Return YAH materials

why we need YOU

By helping YAH reach new audiences in our region, you are leading the movement for equitable arts access in Texas.

Content Creators

marketing & social media

overview

Young Audiences of Houston is active on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter (X), and LinkedIn. As a volunteer, you will be an ambassador for YAH by boosting social media posts to expand our online reach. This is the easiest way to bring arts to new schools and sites from your desk or couch! To get started, like and follow YAH on our social media platforms and turn on notifications for our posts.

volunteer tasks

1. Attend public programs and document special moments
2. Create short video clips of programs for social media
3. Record yourself talking about YAH at programs
4. Like, follow and subscribe to YAH's social accounts

volunteer from home

1. Like, follow, and subscribe to YAH's social accounts
2. Turn on notifications for our posts, stories, and livestreams
3. Like and comment on YAH posts to boost our reach
4. Reshare to your story or feed
5. Invite friends to follow YAH!

time commitment: 15-30 mins

requirements: camera phone, IG, Twitter, FB and/or LinkedIn



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Young Audiences of Houston



Operations Support

administrative assistance

overview

Young Audiences of Houston strives to support every child through the arts. As a volunteer, you will help YAH make new connections in the community through networking, mailings, or building out our education contact lists. All operations tasks can be done from home! These tasks are available on a rolling basis, so please contact **yahou@yahouston.org** to be added to our Operations list.

volunteer tasks

1. Create excel contact lists for local school districts
2. Stuff and mail envelopes
3. Reach out to local businesses for auction items or donations
4. Promote YAH to your network!

Operations

time commitment: self-paced
requirements: variable - some tasks may require a computer or smartphone, picking up materials from the YAH office, or speaking to businesses and organizations



Art Supply Scout

community engagement

overview

art kits + supply drives

Young Audiences of Houston provides take-home art kits to families and students who might not have arts materials at home. As a volunteer, you will help YAH gather, organize, and distribute supplies to children across Houston! Supply drives and art kit days are great corporate volunteer opportunities. Email yahou@yahouston.org for more details!

Community Outreach



volunteer tasks

1. Purchase or solicit art supplies
2. Assemble art kits
3. Deliver to the YAH office or
4. designated school/site

time commitment: 2-4 hours
requirements: variable - some tasks may require speaking to businesses and organizations

volunteer tasks

- A. Organize a school-wide supply drive
- B. Volunteer for a full-service project such as gardening

School Campus Service Project



Education Committee

overview

Young Audiences of Houston's Education Committee guides the organization concerning programming in the schools and the evaluation of artists for the roster, as well as assisting with our community outreach efforts Email yahou@yahouston.org or call **(713) 520-9264** for more information.



time commitment: 1-3 hrs/month
working with kids: no
public speaking: no
requirements: 18 years or older,
education, administration, or
leadership experience preferred

Committee Member Tasks

1. Attend monthly Education Committee Meeting
2. Attend and evaluate YAH programs at schools and community sites
3. Advise on curriculum and education goals for the organization
4. Share expertise and leadership with YAH Programs Team
5. Supervise public program volunteers as-needed
6. Volunteer at YAH events and programs as-needed

