MISSISSIPPI MUSEUM OF ART

Teen Council Application

The Mississippi Museum of Art (MMA) is seeking a group of dynamic high school students for its Teen Council. Over the course of the academic year, the group will meet and work with MMA staff to help shape the direction of how the museum engages with young audiences. Participants will learn about the museum collection, participate in MMA public programs, explore local arts-focused events and venues, meet artists and creative professionals, and plan every element of the Museum's Teen events, HallowTEEN and Night at the Museum, all while forming relationships with other like-minded teens in the Jackson-Metro Area. This is a fun and exciting opportunity for arts, history, and culture enthusiasts who seek to gain leadership and project-management experience, all while working with museum employees in a professional setting. This program is open to students enrolled in grades 9-12 for the 2027-2028 school year and will meet in person at the Museum every other Tuesday evening from 4:30-6:30pm during the academic year.

Mission:

The Teen Council at the Mississippi Museum of Art creates a pathway for young people to be a visible presence and an amplified voice within the museum as well as the community to lead the way for genuine human interaction, communication, and exchange.

Goals for Teen Council:

- Engage a wide range of area teens in programs and events at MMA
- Learn about MMA and shape its programming
- Discover and create ways to be a voice and presence at MMA and to larger audience
- Serve as MMA ambassador by promoting and performing outreach for teens all over the city
- Create a platform to elevate teen voices at the Mississippi Museum of Art

Participation/Attendance Expectations:

- Attend at least 2 MMA public programs throughout the year: seasonal Museum After Hours, Family Day, Teacher's Lounge, Food Truck Fest, Exhibition openings/closings, etc.
- Attend regular Tuesday meetings with an 85% attendance rate
- Co-lead an element of one the 2 major Teen Council events. (Leading requires co-planning and facilitating the activities)
- Be present at the 2 major Teen Council events: Fall HallowTEEN event and Spring Night at the Museum event

To apply, students must complete the application and have a teacher/mentor submit a letter of recommendation. **All application materials should be sent to Merry Barnes at mbarnes@msmuseumart.org by August 20**. Teachers can send their recommendations directly to Merry. For more information, contact 601-965-9909.

Student Name: _____ Pronouns: _____

2027-28 Grade: _____School: _____

Student Email: _____Student Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent Email: _____Parent Phone: _____

Recommending Teacher Name: _____

Teacher Email: _____

By signing below, I acknowledge and support my child's application for the Mississippi Museum of Art's Teen Council. (Digital Signature is acceptable.)

Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

Applicants: Please answer the following questions:

1. Why would you like to be a member of the Mississippi Museum of Art's Teen Council?
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2. What will you contribute to the group?
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3. What do you hope to gain from the experience?
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4. What is an event or program or activity you would like to see take place at the Mississippi Museum of Art?
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5. How did you hear about Teen Council?
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Show us your creative side! Share a previously created work or write a poem, make a video, take a photograph, paint a picture, sing a song—send us something that tells us a bit about you! Add this as an attachment to your emailed application.