

# CARNEGIE ARTS CENTER TEEN DOCENT PROGRAM

**WHAT:** A docent is a guide who talks to people in the art gallery and helps them learn more about the artwork on display. As a Teen Docent, you will work with gallery visitors — adults, children, and family groups — helping them engage with and understand some amazing works of art. Through tours, directed dialogues, and casual conversations, you can make everyone's experience at the Carnegie Arts Center more exciting!

**HOW:** Carnegie Teen Docents receive in depth training to learn art appreciation, public speaking, and how to have fun in the gallery. Training helps you prepare questions, learn how to think on your feet in front of an audience and encourage multiple interpretations of a work of art. Trained docents come in twice each month to practice, observe each other, and lead tours.

**WHO:** Students currently enrolled in 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade in Stanislaus County. Teen Docents should be mature, enjoy working with the public, have enthusiasm for creative learning, and be willing to work as a member of a team. No previous knowledge of art or art history is required; training should teach you everything you need to know!

**WHY:** As a Teen Docent you will

- receive a one-year Family membership to the Arts Center (\$75 value).
- develop leadership and public speaking skills.
- gain experience and possible letters of recommendation.
- earn community service hours for school credit or college applications.
- have fun learning what happens “behind the scenes” in planning an exhibition.

**WHEN:** You must be available for training classes at the Carnegie Arts Center **Tuesdays from 5:30-7:30 p.m. (snacks provided), from March 1— May 10.** Additional participation in meetings and other scheduled events may be required.

For more application information visit our website or email:

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