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Creating Community Through Art



WBCA High School Internship Program

WBCA HSIP is an artist-centered internship program for high school students at White Bear Center for the Arts. Through this internship, high school students will learn the importance of leadership, teamwork, critical thinking, and job skills in a creative and supportive environment. High school students who are accepted into this program will work with professionals in various departments at WBCA. These areas include but are not limited to the following:

- Support High School Visual Arts and WriteNow! High School Writing contests
- Social Media, Marketing & Communications
- Gallery installation and deinstallation
- WBCA Store
- Assist teaching artists
- Events
- Membership and Fundraising
- Front desk and receptionist area



Why is WBCA the right place for this?

We are seeking \$600K per year to fund programming, workforce training, classroom technology and equipment, support services, and administration. WBCA is a central hub to the North East metro corridor that can be a safe place for teens from rural, suburban and urban backgrounds to engage with one another. WBCA is already serving a thriving arts community, and with the right investment we can increase our reach to youth from all backgrounds.

With 55 years of experience, WBCA is the largest arts service provider in the Greater Northeast Twin Cities Metro region. WBCA has strong programs serving 6,500 youth annually, and partners with 13 local school districts, as well as charter schools, private and parochial schools, and students in home-school programs. Annually, WBCA offers 1000 classes, events, and exhibitions, engaging over 500 artists in its programs. According to a 2023 survey by Americans for the Arts, WBCA generates over \$2.6 million dollars in local economic activity each year, supporting over 90 full-time jobs throughout the community.