

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 24 hours of 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 8th-12th 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!

WHEN: You must be available for 3-hour trainings at the Carnegie Arts Center **Thursdays from 4-7 p.m. (snacks provided) for 8 weeks, September 17 – November 5.** Additional participation in meetings and other scheduled events may be required. Bus passes may be provided if you need transportation to the Arts Center for training and tours.

For more information visit our website or email us: lisa@carnegieartsturlock.org

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 with Arts Center staff learning what happens “behind the scenes” in planning an exhibition.



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