

# Job Opportunity YEI Teaching Artist

Youth Entrepreneur Institute (YEI) is currently operating in a hybrid model, candidates are expected to reside within commuting distance of our headquarters in Washington, DC. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

### **About Youth Entrepreneur Institute**

Youth Entrepreneur Institute (YEI) is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization, committed to equipping young people from critical, at-risk areas East of the River with the entrepreneurial mindset, STE(a)M skillset, and networks to **put poverty "out of business"**. Students at YEI conceive, launch and run their own creative business ventures.

Youth Entrepreneur Institute aspires to <u>break the cycle of local poverty</u> by creating **youth-led economies**, empowering our youth to be positive contributors to society while pursuing successful careers and educational pathways. YEI leads several key initiatives designed to create economic opportunities through entrepreneurship and STEAM education. Each program is crafted to instill an entrepreneurial mindset, develop practical skills, and foster personal growth and civic engagement. These initiatives include: Smart Hustle (Education), and YEI Social Enterprises (Paid Work Based Learning).

## **The Opportunity**

YEI is seeking dynamic, creative, and dedicated **STEM and Art Teaching Artist** for our programs. This role involves cultivating creativity, nurturing entrepreneurial thinking, and fostering STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) skills among youth in 5-12 grade through art, craft, and design workshops. As a Teaching Artist for the STE(A)Mprentice, ARTprentice, or SmartHustle Jr Club, you will:

- Deliver hands-on, two-hour Art or STEM-based classes, Monday through Thursday, 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm.
- Adapt teaching methods to meet the needs and response of the student group.
- Create an inclusive environment that encourages exploration of creative potential.
- Keep reports on students and share those reports with supervisors, teachers and and occasionally liaise with parents.
- Supervise groups of students, providing guidance and serving as a role model.

YEI Teaching Artists serve in a diverse group with 2 to 3 other team members from local colleges and universities. Each team is led by a Youth Entrepreneur Institute Site Lead, who spearheads training, school partnerships and also directs the team in decisions that are made concerning service delivery. This position reports directly to the Site Lead and works closely with all members of the YEI team, including Site Lead and Program Team.



### **Essential Job Responsibilities**

The list of action items below provides a general outline of the duties and responsibilities that are essential for this position. It is not all inclusive and responsibilities may change as shifts in programming occur under the direction of the Executive Director.

- Organize and deliver engaging art and STEM activities in the after-school program.
- Instruct on the use of commercial machinery for artistic production.
- Instruct on the use of digital fabrication machinery such as laser cutters and 3d printers.
- Teach graphic design software skills, including Adobe Suite and CorelDraw.
- Guide students in various art techniques, digital and physical art, and digital fabrication.
- Support students in socially and culturally relevant projects for YEI's social enterprises.

### Qualifications

We encourage you to apply even if your experience is not a 100% match with the position. We are looking for someone with relevant skills and experience, not a checklist that exactly matches the job description. We want to help you grow and in return, you help us grow into a stronger, more inclusive organization.

#### **Preferred**

- Experience in STEAM, art instruction, and/or graphic design.
- Experience with commercial machinery and graphic design software is a plus.

# Required

- Minimum 1 to 2 years' experience with youth development, community service, public service, nonprofit etc. service experience
- Highly motivated, self-starter with strong organizational skills and the ability to perform and prioritize multiple tasks seamlessly with excellent attention to detail
- Ability to work in a dynamic, fast-paced environment.
- Strong work ethic with a high degree of energy; manages resources efficiently
- Must pass background check and have reliable transportation a must
- Commitment to YEI's values of entrepreneurship, respect, teamwork, resilience, integrity, and fun.
- Honest, encourages openness and transparency, builds trust and confidence and has ability to handle confidential information with discretion
- Sensitivity and commitment to the mission of Youth Entrepreneur Institute

## Access, Equity, and Inclusion

Youth Entrepreneur Institute is an equal opportunity employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability status, protected veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law. YEI is committed to building a culturally diverse team and providing professional development opportunities. *Native Washingtonians from East of the River DC (Ward 7 and 8)* and/or members of otherwise marginalized groups are strongly encouraged to apply.



## **Compensation and Benefits**

At YEI we prioritize flexibility and work-life balance. This position is in-person, at 10-15 hours/week. This is a temporary, contracted position with the ability to be offered an extended contract based on favorable performance. While YEI is currently operating in a hybrid model, candidates are expected to be available in person in Washington, D.C. a minimum of 10 hours/week.

As a part-time position, the compensation for this position is \$17.50-\$20 hourly, and compensation is commensurate with experience. As this is an independent contractor position, the organization does not provide employee benefits (i.e. health insurance coverage, paid vacation or sick leave, retirement, paid family leave, Social Security, Medicare, unemployment tax, or any other benefits).

We are committed to leadership development and prioritize continuing education opportunities for all staff.

### Interested?

To apply for this position, please complete the employment <u>intake form</u>. If your application is accepted for review, a member of our team will reach out to you concerning next steps. For more information about Youth Entrepreneur Institute, visit our website at <u>www.yeidc.org</u>. Applicants seeking an extended contract with YEI will receive first consideration. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis.