

Danforth Assistantship Program

This year-round leadership program for teens provides experience in educational functions at the Danforth Art School and the Danforth Art Museum.

Danforth Assistants serve the art school by helping with overall program facilitation during Summer Arts, our highly popular summer program for children, as well as school vacation week workshops and scheduled events which take place year-round. Assisting at the school includes working directly with children, providing support for teachers, preparation of materials and studio spaces, organization of supplies, and various administrative tasks.

Danforth Assistants serve the museum by providing tours of the exhibitions to children during Summer Arts and providing support during public programming such as Drop Into Art and other events.

Placement in the Danforth Assistantship Program provides a modest stipend upon successful participation in the program as outlined below. Danforth Assistants receive valuable mentorship in all areas of their supportive roles at both the art school and museum.

Danforth accepts applications from responsible, reliable, and energetic teens currently enrolled in or entering high school or college. Accepted assistants must:

- attend a mandatory training course taking place on four Saturdays during the spring, which will provide the necessary training for summer programming and service in the museum
- commit to at least four weeks of service during Summer Arts in addition to at least four public events or workshops at the art school or art museum over the following year including 1 day during School Vacation Weeks
- sign an agreement which outlines their understanding of expectations and their commitment to serve on the dates specified

Weeks of service in Summer Arts do not need to be consecutive, but they must be full weeks, with all full days from 8:15 A.M.-4:15 P.M. Public events take place on weekends.

In addition to a stipend, all Danforth Assistants will receive one free class during the Fall, Winter or Spring class sessions. They will also receive individualized mentorship, valuable leadership experience, work and school references upon request, and an exit letter outlining specific individual contributions to the Danforth.

Danforth Assistantship Training Course

Acceptance to the Danforth Assistantship is contingent upon attendance in the no-cost, training course which will be held at the School on Saturdays on the following dates:

May 3 12-3 pm
May 10 12-3 pm
May 17 12-3 pm
May 31 12-4pm

It is crucial that applicants attend all of these training dates in order to be prepared for a successful experience and to fulfill the obligations of the position. If there is a date which is an immovable conflict, please contact Kathy DeAntonio, Summer Arts Manager to discuss.

Applications are accepted until **March 28, 2025**. All selected applicants will require an interview. Please email (preferred) this completed application, along with any other references and a current resume to kdeantonio@framingham.edu with the following word in the subject title: "Assistantship Application". Or, mail to us, Danforth Art School, Attention: Kathy DeAntonio, PO Box 1901, 100 State Street, Framingham, MA 01701

Danforth Assistantship Application 2024

Name:	Age:	Date of Birth:
Street Address:		
City:	Zip:	Your Phone: (home/cell)
Your Email Address:		
Name of parent(s) or guardian(s):		
Emergency Contact:	Relationship to you:	
Emergency Contact phone:	Parent/ Guardian Email:	
High School/College:	Current Year in School:	
Name of Reference (must be included):	Phone and/or email of reference:	
How did you hear about the Danforth Assistantship Program?		
Why is working at an art school or art museum of interest to you? <i>*Please note that artistic ability is not a requirement!</i>		

Please tell us a bit about your unique personal strengths and how you could contribute to the success of our program.

Tell us about one of your proudest accomplishments where you exercised leadership and organization, and what you learned from the experience that you would like to apply to working at our summer program.

This position requires reliability. Please give an example of how you demonstrated consistent, daily dependability and good communication, in a situation where other people depended on you.

Have you ever worked with children in any capacity, (even babysitting siblings) and how do you feel about working with children of different ages?

What do you hope to gain from this experience?

Placement in the Danforth Assistantship Program requires serving in four full weeks during Summer Arts in addition to serving at four additional educational events during the year.
If you are accepted into the program, we will request dates from you for placement during summer. Please review the dates for the Summer Arts program **with your family**, so that you can provide your availability as soon as possible upon acceptance.

- Session 1: 6/23- 6/27
- Session 2: 6/30- 7/3 (4 day)
- Session 3: 7/7 -7/11
- Session 4: 7/14 -7/18
- Session 5: 7/21 -7/25
- Session 6: 7/28 -8/1
- Session 7: 8/4-8/8
- Session 8: 8/11-8/15
- Session 9: 8/18 -8/22