



Coyote Central is a youth arts and development organization located in the Central District. Our largest program, Studio Coyote, teaches 20-21 hours of studio experiences in everything from Welding to Baking, to youth ages 10-15. This program runs during week-long school holiday breaks and on weekends during school terms. Youth gain real-world skills and build one-of-a-kind creations with the support of our Teaching Artists and Studio Assistants.

The Studio Assistant is compensated for their time and expertise and asked to support the Teaching Artist in hands-on ways in the classroom. The Studio Assistant is responsible for working with small groups of youth, reviewing demos for students, and ensuring that students are safe with equipment. Due to the potentially dangerous and hands-on nature of our Culinary, Wood, and Welding courses, Studio Assistants must have prior experience with the tools utilized in these studios. Examples of past classes include, Lighting Design, Gravity Powered Racers, Kinetic Sculpture, Metal Sculpture, Welding Fabrication, Blacksmithing Basics, Cooking and Baking Around the World, Cooking Through the Seasons, Street Food, and more. Being a Studio Assistant with Coyote Central is a great first step to joining the Teaching Artist Community and sharing your expertise and passion with Coyote youth.

Studio Assistants also support our mission to spark creativity in young people, putting tools in their hands to build skills and forge their futures. Our vision, an equitable world powered by curiosity, creativity, and collaboration. And our Values:

*We believe in...*

- **YOUTH IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT:** It is the heart of what we do. We count on self-reliance to fuel curiosity and creativity.
- **FEARLESS EXPLORATION:** We trust the process of taking creative risks. There is no one path and no one right answer.
- **REALIZING POTENTIAL:** We rely on challenges and high stakes to encourage surprising outcomes and self-discovery.
- **EXPERTS AND BEGINNERS SIDE BY SIDE:** We thrive in collaborative spaces where everyone is an equal partner in learning.
- **MAGNETIC CONNECTIONS:** Our collective success is built on listening, powerful relationships, and igniting one another's strengths.
- **HAVING FUN:** Creativity is contagious. Spread the joy.

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### **Responsibilities**

- Support Teaching Artist in daily classes, including active hands-on work with youth
- Provide an extra set of adult hands & eyes in demonstrations or group activities
- Independently oversee small groups of actively working students
- Model active listening, curiosity and leadership to students
- Help with set-up, clean-up, and transitions

- Help identify and assist students who may need extra support
- Engage youth with open-ended questions to guide them in critical thinking and finding possible solutions on their own
- Monitor students' activity and ensure that they are using equipment safely and as instructed

**Qualifications** *\*Certain qualifications are dependent on the Studio.*

- Proficiency with hand tools and power tools within the wood and/or metal shop. OR proficiency with culinary tools.\*
- Ability to safely operate studio equipment.
- Willingness to work as a member of a team, taking cues from the Teaching Artist
- Prior experience working with young people in a leadership capacity (*preferred not required*)
- Competency listening to and problem-solving with students of diverse backgrounds
- Ability to initiate conversation with youth rather than waiting for youth to come to you
- Personal integrity and a passion for enriching the lives of youth through creativity

**Commitment**

We ask that Studio Assistants commit to attending ALL sessions of each course. Weekend classes meet either Sat or Sun for 7 weekends 3-hour sessions. Winter, midwinter, spring, and summer break classes meet for 5 consecutive days (M-F) for 4 hour sessions. A consistent presence fully integrates the Studio Assistant into the experience, to help youth feel the freedom and safety to take creative risks.

**Compensation :** \$25 per hour

**Reports to:** Marijke Keyser, Facilities Manager

**To Apply:** Please email a Cover letter and resume to Ashanti Davis, Program Director. Email [ashanti@coyotecentral.org](mailto:ashanti@coyotecentral.org)

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