

CHILDREN'S FINE ART INSTRUCTOR

Cuyahoga Valley Art Center (CVAC) – Cuyahoga Falls, OH

Cuyahoga Valley Art Center (CVAC) is dedicated to fostering a thriving community of artists by offering diverse educational programs designed to support students at all skill levels. Our Children's Fine Art Instructors play a key role in nurturing young artists, encouraging creative expression, and developing foundational artistic skills in a supportive and engaging learning environment.

JOB SUMMARY: Children's Fine Art Instructor

CVAC is seeking a Children's Fine Art Instructor to guide young artists (K–12) in developing their creative abilities, artistic techniques, and appreciation for the visual arts. Instructors will introduce students to various media and artistic concepts while fostering creativity, confidence, and a love for the visual arts.

Key Responsibilities:

- **Teach engaging fine art lessons** tailored to children and teens, incorporating age-appropriate instruction in drawing, painting (watercolor, acrylic, mixed media), and other visual art techniques.
- **Develop creative lesson plans** that align with CVAC's 'Children's Class Expectations' and provide a well-rounded arts education.
- **Incorporate fundamental art principles** such as color theory, composition, design, and historical/contemporary artistic influences.
- **Adapt instruction** to accommodate students' varying ages, abilities, and learning styles, offering both individual and small-group guidance.
- **Demonstrate proper techniques** using a variety of art materials, tools, and equipment while ensuring a safe classroom environment.
- **Encourage self-expression and artistic confidence** by fostering an engaging and supportive atmosphere for young artists.
- **Maintain classroom organization**, ensuring proper care, storage, and distribution of materials to prevent waste or damage.
- **Communicate with parents/guardians** regarding student progress, class schedules, and exhibition details.
- **Prepare and submit** supply lists to CVAC Staff as needed.
- **Set up and clean studio spaces before and after class**, ensuring a well-maintained learning environment.
- **Support CVAC's programs and initiatives** by performing additional duties as needed.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS & SKILLS

- **Teaching Experience:** Previous experience teaching art to children in a school, community-based, or arts education setting.
- **Artistic Expertise:** Strong proficiency in various artistic techniques and materials suited for K–12 students.
- **Classroom Management:** Ability to create a structured yet flexible learning environment that fosters creativity and engagement.
- **Effective Communication:** Strong ability to convey artistic concepts in an engaging and age-appropriate manner while maintaining open communication with students, parents, and CVAC staff.
- **Physical Requirements:** Must be able to lift 10–15 lbs, set up classroom spaces, and maintain a clean work environment.

MINIMUM EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS / CERTIFICATION

- Bachelor's or Master's degree in Art Education (preferred)

HOW TO APPLY

Interested applicants should submit a **CV/resume**, a **cover letter detailing teaching philosophy**, and a **portfolio or examples of student-focused artwork** to director@cvartcenter.org. The subject line in your email should read "K-12 Fine Arts Instructor". Please include preferred availability.

CHILDREN'S CLASS DESCRIPTIONS



STUDIO ART FOR TEENS: 5-8 Weeks

(Young Adults, Middle-High School) Students who have a love of art and wish to learn the basics will jump into a variety of techniques in this class. A professional teaching artist will cover many subjects such as drawing, painting, art history, and the art of exhibition. These courses will focus on hands-on learning intended to spark creativity and imagination and build a lifelong connection with art all while meeting Ohio educational standards for the arts. This class will offer home-educated students the opportunity to explore, study, practice, and exhibit their fine arts skills within our studio setting. All materials are included in the class cost. Dress for a mess.

DISCOVERY OF ART – For Grade School Students: 5 weeks

(Elementary-age, Grades 2-5) – In this exciting hands-on class, students will have the opportunity to expand their imaginations and creative wings by exploring different artistic styles such as drawing, painting, mixed media, and art history. The class is structured with fun in mind! All materials are included in the class cost. Dress for a mess.

ARTS DEVELOPMENT – For Young Adults: 5 weeks

(Young Adults, Middle-High School) Students who have a love of art and wish to learn the basics will jump into a variety of techniques in this class. They will explore advanced concepts in drawing from life with everything from figure drawing to landscapes. Students will have the opportunity to participate in designated class projects or work independently. All materials are included in the class cost. Dress for a mess.