

MOCA Teen Program

Application for 2016–17

Thank you for your interest in the MOCA Teen Program, a paid position where juniors and seniors in high school learn about contemporary art and the museum by collaborating on projects, working with artists, and meeting with museum professionals. One of their biggest projects each year is planning and executing Teen Night, a free event created by teens for teens. This diverse group of arts-interested students meets at MOCA on Thursday nights and some weekends to work together and support each other on a journey of self-discovery.

Every step in the program is an opportunity for self-reflection and personal growth. Therefore, this application is designed to not only get information from you, but to help you gain experience in applying for other job opportunities as well as colleges or universities in the future.

We typically receive over 100 applicants every year. The selection process is competitive and rigorous. First, we read every application, reviewing the essays first. We then compile a pool of applications that are expressive, indicate passion and/or enthusiasm, and show creative thinking skills and a strong interest in the arts. If an applicant has applied to the program before, their previous application essays will also be considered. Next, we select a diverse group of around 20 applicants for interviews. Finally, we interview candidates and select a balanced group of individuals who can fully commit to the year-long program. We aim to create a group that is diverse in their access to the arts, geographical location and school. We accept a few juniors each year, but mostly accept incoming seniors.

Complete this application, using additional sheets if necessary, and return by **midnight on Wednesday, May 25, 2015** to kmonet@moca.org or to:

The Museum of Contemporary Art
Attn: MOCA Teen Program
250 South Grand Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Please note that this is a paid museum staff position and selected participants will be required to show their legal right to work and a work permit when the program begins in September.

If you have any questions, you may contact Kai at kmonet@moca.org or 213/633-5356. You can also find out more about MOCA and this program at moca.org/education/teens.

Part 1: Résumé

Contact Information

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE(S) _____

EMAIL(S) _____

Education

HIGH SCHOOL _____

EXPECTED YEAR OF GRADUATION _____

SCHOOL ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

SCHOOL PHONE _____

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE MOCA TEEN PROGRAM? _____

HAVE YOU APPLIED TO THE MOCA TEEN PROGRAM BEFORE?
 YES NO

Experience

Do you have any previous work experience or any other experience (art classes, extracurricular activities, etc.) that would be relevant to this program? List them below.

Skills

What skills do you have that might contribute to this program? List your skills below.

Challenges

Do you have any difficulty accessing the arts or lack of support for your arts interest? If so, describe them here.

Part 2: Essay

Answer each of the following questions in 250 words or less.
Please type or print your answers.

1. Select an artwork that has influenced the way you view the world and the way you view yourself. Discuss the work and its effect on you.

2. Tell us about a conversation you had that changed your perspective.

3. If you had to formulate the perfect application question for this program, what would it be, and how would you answer it?
