Art Spark Texas (formerly VSA Texas)

Giving Voice Austin Mentorship

March and April 2020

Application Deadline: February 7, 2020

Art Spark Texas (formerly VSA Texas) is hosting a Spring Break Graphic Design Foundations class and Giving Voice Austin mentorship program to empower young adults with disabilities ages 16-26 to give voice to a social cause. Working together with a professional graphic designer, young adults will have the opportunity to express something that is significant to them, and, more importantly, have someone to listen. At the same time learning valuable graphic design skills from a professional one-on-one.

Participant Requirements:

1) Must be age 16-26.

2) Demonstrate an interest in graphic design.

3) Completed application form.

4) Resume of work and/or volunteer experience.

5) One letter of recommendation (can be from teacher, employer, friend, or family).

*Participants must be able to attend the full week long class plus the four Saturday classes. Reasonable absences will be excused.*

Sign up now!

Art Spark Texas Side by Side participants will work with Jerry Slayton, Art Spark project director, and Kim Hopson, Artist and Designer, to learn what it takes to design a poster.

Explore the art of Graphic Design and Poster design in this spring break class taught by Jerry! Learn the tools of visual design, and how to communicate a message with them. Discover the worlds of iconography, typography, and texture, how these are used in cultural communication, and how these can inspire your approach to design techniques. Join us for 5 action packed days of Design this Spring Break!

After the week long class, Kim will match you up with a mentor and you will apply your new skills to a one-on-one Saturday mentorship with a graphic designer to create a poster together about a cause important to you. The final Saturday will be a presentation of the posters at a pop-up exhibition.

Jerry Slayton is the New Media Arts lead instructor for Art Spark Texas and most recently program manager of the Arc of the Arts. Currently, Jerry teaches graphic design and filmmaking in a partnership with AISD’s Go Project for young adults with disabilities. Kim Hopson is a studio artist, art educator and community arts advocate based in Austin, Texas. When not creating amazing art opportunities, she can be found around town in her art car, Punk Rock Lucky Kitty.

Schedule: The Graphic Design Foundation class is a week-long Spring Break class. Followed by four Saturday lunchtime meetings with your graphic design mentor.

Dates: Monday-Friday March 16-20, 2020;

Saturday March 21, 28, April 4, 18

Time: Weekdays 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Saturdays 12:00 – 1:30 pm

Location: Room 101 of the AGE Building at 3710 Cedar St. in Austin.

**Application Process:**

1. Complete application form and submit to [april@artsparktx.org](mailto:april@artsparktx.org) If you have any questions or need assistance to make this form accessible to you, please contact April Sullivan at 512-454-9912.
2. Submit resume and letters of recommendation to [april@artsparktx.org](mailto:april@artsparktx.org).
3. Submit optional materials that may be used in the determination of your application review. Although not required for consideration, it is always helpful to share some of your creative work.

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Please type answers into the right column. Cells will expand. For “Yes/No” questions, delete the answer you are not using. (example: Delete no if the answer is yes. When filling out with pen or pencil, please circle your response).

Please answer every question. If the question does not apply to you, enter “N/A.”

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| ACCOMMODATIONS NEEDED |  |
| INTEREST (PLEASE CIRCLE YES OR NO). | DRAWING YES NO  DIGITAL ART YES NO  PHOTOSHOP YES NO DESIGN YES NO FONTS YES NO  PRINTMAKING YES NO |
| What are three unique or interesting things about you? |  |
| What do you feel is the biggest issue facing the country or the world right now? |  |
| If you could change one thing about the world, what would it be? |  |
| Why should we choose you to participate in this program? |  |
| RESUME ATTACHED | YES NO |
| ONE LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION ATTACHED | YES NO |
| (OPTIONAL)  MATERIALS ATTACHED | YES NO |
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| SECONDARY  CONTACT PERSON |  |
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