

## Washington Youth Arts Leadership (WAYAL) Program

September 2022 - June 2023

**Are you an arts leader in your community between the ages of 16-19? Apply to join the WAYAL Program!**

[CLICK HERE TO APPLY](#) Application Deadline: **May 31, 2022, at 5:00 pm**

### What is WAYAL?

The Washington Youth Arts Leadership (WAYAL) Program is a yearly cohort of youth and young adults (ages 16-19) from across Washington State. WAYAL leaders work with the Arts in Education (AIE) team at ArtsWA to communicate the important role of arts education in their communities. Young artists in the program explore arts and arts administration careers with mentors in the field.

Youth leaders receive a stipend for their time and input.

### What will WAYAL members do?

In their monthly meetings, WAYAL members from across the state learn from experts in Arts career fields. They investigate how arts leadership can impact their schools, towns, regions, and their state. WAYAL members will design and implement a project with ongoing mentorship along the way. Possible projects include: Hosting a workshop for educators, serving on a grant panel, creating social media material, research and writing, public speaking, and more!

### Why Apply?

#### WA Youth Arts Leaders:

- Refine multimedia communication skills with mentorship and peer feedback.
- Practice engaging with communities as both an artist and collaborator.
- Develop an understanding of arts education advocacy.
- Build statewide, arts-focused community through collaboration.
- Explore career opportunities in the arts and cultural sector.

### Who Can Apply?

#### Applicants to the WAYAL Program must be:

- Between the age of 16-19 (*at time of application*).
- A Washington State resident.
- Engaged in the arts (an artist!) beyond school-related assignments.
- Interested in building leadership skills.
- Interested in building community with other young artists across the state.
- Able to attend (9) monthly 2-hour seminars and (3) events throughout the year (*all meetings and events are paid and held online*).
- Interested in receiving mentorship from arts and cultural professionals

#### Important Dates:

- Application Opens: April 26, 2022
- Application Deadline: May 31, 2022, at 5:00 pm
- Notification to WAYAL cohort members: July 1, 2022
- Cohort virtual retreat: August date TBD (3 hours)
- WAYAL Program: September 2022 – June 2023

## How Does ArtsWA Select WAYAL Members?

### Screening for Eligibility

WA Youth Arts Leadership Program applications submitted by the deadline are reviewed by ArtsWA staff for completion and eligibility. Complete and eligible applications are sent to a scoring panel for evaluation. If ArtsWA receives many applications to the program, ArtsWA staff will conduct a preliminary scoring round using the evaluation criteria below. Top scoring applications from the preliminary round will be sent to the scoring panel for final evaluation.

### Evaluation and Scoring Panel

A panel of arts education professionals, ArtsWA Commissioners, and ArtsWA staff evaluate eligible applications to the WA Youth Arts Leadership (WAYAL) Program. Panelists use scoring criteria to give a numerical score to each application. An application's final score is the combined average of all panelists' scores. Top scoring applications from each [ArtsWA-defined region](#) are selected for the WAYAL program.

## How are Applications Scored?

Panelists will assign each application a score between 1-24 using the evaluation and point system below. 24 points is the highest possible score for this application.

### 1. Aspiring Artist (12 points possible)

The applicant demonstrates:

- Engagement and ongoing interest in pursuing an artistic practice. (4 points possible)
- Clear passion for the arts beyond and independent from classroom assignments. (4 points possible)
- Interest in exploring careers in the arts and cultural sector. (4 points possible)

### 2. Community Engagement and Leadership (12 points possible)

The applicant demonstrates:

- Experience building community and engaging in collaborative practices. (4 points possible)
- Interest in a diversity of arts and cultural programs in their local communities. (4 points possible)
- A commitment to increasing access to arts and cultural opportunities for youth in their communities. (4 points possible)

## How to Apply:

### Online Application

Applications to the WA Youth Arts Leadership (WAYAL) Program must be submitted through the online application platform, Submittable. ArtsWA will accept applications in Submittable starting April 26, 2022, through **May 31, 2022, at 5:00 pm.**

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## Questions?

### Contact Us!

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