



## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Thank you for your interest in volunteering with Free Arts. Volunteering is available either working directly with children or providing other services, and individually or in groups.

### **Working with Children**

**All volunteers who work directly with children must:**

1. **Be 18 years or older**
2. **Pass a background check**
3. **Complete a training course prior to working with children**

### Group Volunteering

Free Arts welcomes corporate and service club teams to volunteer. Options include:

1. Work as volunteer mentors for a half day with children at the Monterey Park Children's Court. Children are waiting for their cases to be heard. Half day volunteering for groups runs 9:00am to 12:00pm and includes training. A nominal donation is required.
2. Work as volunteer mentors at one of our partnered sites of the Free Arts mentorship program. Times may vary, including training, and requires a donation to Free Arts.
3. Volunteer at the Office: Help the Free Arts team organize and prepare art supplies, keep the database up-to-date, compile mailings, or implement events and other projects. This opportunity is ideal for volunteers who want to gain experience in a nonprofit environment and who enjoy helping nonprofits be successful. Internship credit is available upon approval of your school.
4. Volunteer at events including community art festivals and fundraising events.

### Individual Volunteering

Free Arts welcomes volunteer mentors to work with children in any of the following ways:

1. Free Arts for Children's Court program helps children regain strength and hope as they wait to testify in abuse and neglect cases at Edelman Children's Court in Monterey Park. Volunteers shifts are 9:00 - 12 PM and 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM. Volunteers must complete a three-hour training at the courthouse. The training takes place once a month. The next training is January 22nd 12:30 to 3PM.
2. Free Arts Mentorship and Family programs use creative arts to foster life skills, self-confidence, and resilience. Programs run one day a week for ten weeks. Each week participants create art and engage in conversations around communication, identity, and family. Programs take place at locations throughout Los Angeles County. Volunteers



serve as mentors and provide support to staff and facilitators who lead the programs.

The programs meet for 2.5 hours, once a week, for 10 weeks beginning in March and ending in May. They meet the same day and time for all 10 weeks. Volunteers are expected to arrive 30 minutes prior to each session and plan to stay 30 minutes after. New volunteers must attend two 3 hour training sessions. The two training will be on February 10th and February 24th. (It is mandatory to attend both dates.)

3. Free Arts Internships provide professional development and hands on experience in youth development, facilitation, and the non-profit field. Interns must commit to 15 hours a week for 10 weeks. Additionally, there is a required training that takes place once a month at the courthouse. The next one is January 22nd 12:30 to 3PM.
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### **Volunteers Under 18 Years Old**

We welcome volunteers under 18 to help Free Arts prepare office supplies, conduct internet research, organize art drives at their local schools, or provide other volunteering in the Free Arts office.

For more information, please contact Free Arts on (310) 313-4278 or [volunteers@freearts.org](mailto:volunteers@freearts.org) or visit [freearts.org](http://freearts.org).