



KEYS Volunteer Opportunities

KEYS' mission is to bring one-to-one instrument lessons and group music instruction to underserved inner-city children in Bridgeport, CT who have no other access to this empowering life experience.

KEYS offers one-to-one instrument lessons, group music programs and workshops, runs a non-audition orchestra, band and chorus at Bridgeport's Klein Auditorium, offers summer programs, and partners with several non-profit organizations, reaching a population of over 600 school children at 20 Bridgeport schools.

KEYS is looking for high school, college and adult volunteers to support musical and non-musical activities. Musical volunteers should have multiple years of experience with one or more instruments, so that they can act as a musical role model for KEYS students.

Musical Volunteers Needed

- 1:1 lessons and after-school programs – at Bridgeport schools during the week, and at the Klein Auditorium and Fairfield Theatre Company on Saturdays
 - Attend 1:1 music lessons with KEYS faculty member and student
 - Assist KEYS faculty member in transitioning between student lessons
 - Guide students during supervised practice sessions
 - Ensure students have their music and understand their assignments
 - Provide support and encouragement to the students in the learning process
- Orchestra, Band and Chorus ensembles – at the Klein Auditorium on Saturdays
 - Sit/play with the section during rehearsals as needed
 - Assist KEYS faculty member with small group sectionals
 - Provide feedback to KEYS faculty member on students needing extra rehearsal or attention
 - Provide support and encouragement to the students in the learning process

Preferred commitment is for one semester (fall or spring) although occasional availability can also be accommodated. Note that background checks are required for volunteers over the age of 18.

Non-musical Volunteers Needed

One-time projects/events or ongoing support for:

- Social Media – Photography/video of KEYS lessons, rehearsals and concerts
- Marketing – write blurbs for social meeting, press releases, newsletter content
- Fundraising – assist with planning KEYS fundraising events, host a fundraising concert, research grants and fundraising opportunities
- Special events – volunteer at special events

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