Teaching Artist Job Summary

The mission of the NEBRASKA WRITERS COLLECTIVE is to foster personal empowerment and community building in the Midwest through creative writing and performance poetry.

Location: Middle and high schools across Nebraska and Iowa

Part-time: up to 3 hours/week, August-April

Pay: $20/hour

Full Job Description: The Nebraska Writers Collective (NWC), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, seeks Teaching Artists for our after-school, youth slam poetry program in high schools and middle schools across Nebraska and Iowa. The majority of our programming occurs within 60 minutes of Omaha, Lincoln, and Council Bluffs. Teaching Artists will be responsible for cultivating spoken word engagement within schools and community partnerships, as well as working with individual youth to enhance their creative writing and performance skills.

The ideal candidate will be someone who is highly motivated and culturally responsive. They will display excellent teaching and classroom management skills and communicate efficiently and effectively with co-workers, supervisors, students, and teacher sponsors at various school sites. Exceptional candidates will have previous classroom and/or management/leadership experience, a passion for creative writing, and an ability to work well with both young people and adults. Strong written and verbal communication skills required.

Teaching Artist Responsibilities and Duties

- Create weekly lesson plans for ONE (1) assigned school site with the NWC’s youth slam poetry program
- Facilitate ONE (1) writing workshop per week at assigned school site with the NWC’s youth slam poetry program
- Maintain professional boundaries and communication with students, teacher sponsors, and NWC staff
- Complete and submit weekly report summarizing the facilitated, writing workshop
Complete and submit weekly time cards to track working hours

*Other paid opportunities to develop, facilitate, or attend literary events and workshops may arise.*

**Teaching Artist Qualifications and Skills**

- Leadership experience with classroom education, youth, and/or management
- Commitment to social justice, equity, and fairness
- Independent creative with willingness to work collaboratively
- Strong problem-solving skills
- Ability to communicate effectively across multiple platforms with varied audiences
- Effective time management skills

To apply,* please send your resume/CV and a 1-page letter of interest to applicant@newriters.org by June 24. The Nebraska Writers Collective honors diverse arts and employment history, and submitted resumes/CVs can include a broad range of experience in spoken word, performance, publishing, leadership, education, and more.

**Application Deadline:** June 24

**Interview Schedule:** June 27-July 1

*Applicants must indicate their availability for interviews between the hours of 8am-6pm from June 27-July 1

All new hires must attend ONE (1) mandatory Orientation:

- August 13 (Omaha) 10a-12p
- August 27 (Lincoln) 10a-12p

**NWC Statement of Inclusion/Non-Discrimination**

The Nebraska Writers Collective aims to amplify diverse voices, stories, and perspectives through inclusive and nondiscriminatory employment practices. To this end, we highly encourage people with identities that have been historically and/or systematically marginalized, minoritized, underrepresented, or excluded to apply.

The Nebraska Writers Collective believes in and affirms the right of all individuals to educational and employment opportunities. As such, it does not discriminate on a basis of race, ethnicity,
color, religion, sex, gender, gender expression, sexual orientation, disability, age, familial status, parental status, marital status, creed, national origin, genetic information, veteran status, citizenship status, political views or affiliations, association, or any other characteristic protected by applicable law.