

Join Our Volunteer Family

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

A variety of administrative positions are available supporting various museum departments. We work to match volunteers with positions that fit their schedules, interests and goals.

HOSPITALITY COAT CHECK (for ages 16+)

Meet new people, engage in casual conversation about the museum and Kansas City and help keep our art safe by checking coats, backpacks, and other items. Volunteers also lend strollers and wheelchairs and handle Lost & Found. Requested schedule is a three-hour shift every other week.

DOCENT (for ages 18+)

Docents enrich visitors' experience of art objects in the collection, specializing in school tours. Application is competitive. Next recruiting class is scheduled for Fall of 2023.

MUSEUM EVENTS & OUTREACH

Museum Events volunteers help with greeting, taking tickets and directing museum visitors during lectures, concerts, and other events. They also staff our outreach booth at local art fairs and community events. Volunteers sign up as their schedules permit for day, evening and weekend events. Requested schedule is ten events shifts per year.

MUSEUM GUIDE (for ages 18+)

Museum Guides enrich visitors' experience of art objects in the collection. Application is competitive. Next recruiting class is scheduled for Fall of 2023.

MUSEUM STORE (for ages 16+)

Volunteers in our Museum Store greet customers and answer questions about merchandise, which includes a unique mix of books, décor, apparel, jewelry and gifts. They also work in the back room helping with merchandise. Requested schedule is a two-hour shift every other week.

ROZZELLE COURT GREETER (for ages 16+)

Volunteers in Rozzelle Court serve as greeters for our beautiful restaurant. They help visitors navigate the restaurant and are trained on restaurant and general museum information. A meal discount is provided. Requested schedule is a three-hour shift every other week.

SHUTTLE CART DRIVER

Shuttlecart Drivers operate the museum's Shuttlecart in the Bloch Building. Volunteers answer basic questions about the museum, promote upcoming exhibitions and initiatives, and provide a welcoming presence to the museum while transporting visitors through the museum. Requested schedule is a two-hour shift every other week. A valid driver's license is required.

SPENCER ART REFERENCE LIBRARY (Limited Availability)

The Spencer Art Reference Library hosts a collection of 135,000 volumes dedicated to the history of art. Library volunteers assist with research, administrative tasks and library processes. Knowledge of foreign languages, art history and/or library skills are especially helpful. Weekday shifts available.

STUDIO PROGRAMS VOLUNTEER

Studio Programs volunteers assist with material preparation for the museum's studio programs and workshops. These volunteers work in pairs to help load and unload the kiln, prepare art workshop materials, and ensure that the Ford Learning Center classrooms are organized and well-stocked.

VISITOR RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS (for ages 18+)

Visitor Research volunteers gather information via data collection and observational research to help the museum shape new, innovative experiences and programs. The completion of two shifts per month is requested. Findings are shared quarterly.

VISITOR SERVICES DESK

The Visitor Services Desk is for volunteers who enjoy interacting with the public. They provide information about the museum, distribute maps and brochures. Training provided. Requested schedule is a three-hour shift every other week.

VOLUNTEER EDUCATION

Provide training to volunteers to orient them to the volunteer program, deepen their knowledge of the museum and enhance visitor services skills. Strong presentation skills.

VOLUNTEER SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Plan and organize events that enrich volunteers' knowledge and provide social opportunities. Flexible schedule.

PLEASE NOTE: This is a list of all volunteer positions at the museum, but not all volunteer positions are open at all times. Please contact the Volunteer Engagement office to discuss which volunteer opportunities are currently available at volunteer@nelson-atkins.org.