



Community-Engaged Artist Position Description

About TimeSlips

TimeSlips' evidence-based and award-winning approach inspires awe and brings joy to elders and their care partners. Our training and resources infuse creativity and meaning-making into care relationships and systems.

TimeSlips began with one volunteer in 1998. We became an independent nonprofit in 2013, and now train and certify individuals and organizations across the world. There are currently 900+ Certified Facilitators, and 48 Creative Communities of Care with 65 more in the pipeline.

TimeSlips' bold vision is that creative expression, growth and meaning is available to us at every stage of life, no matter where we live or our abilities. We aim to change the way we understand and experience aging by bringing young people into positive relationships with elders; engaging family members to have meaningful, emotional connection, and infusing creativity into our care systems to inspire staff to feed their own creativity while inviting elders to imagine and express themselves.

TimeSlips' Creativity Center, with 300+ prompts, is free to all users and provides an endless fountain of ideas for engaging elders in meaningful projects large and small.

Our core values are:

- Saying Yes, And;
- Asking Beautiful Questions;
- Giving Proof of Listening;
- Opening ourselves to Wonder;
- Committing to rigor and the value of all human beings; and
- Finding meaning by connecting our personal expressions to the larger world.

These core values guide our trainings and every aspect of our operations.

We are a small, powerful team that will be made stronger by collaborating and leveraging diversity across gender, age, upbringing, education, talent and life experience. TimeSlips is committed to high standards, impact and respecting for one another, and our partners.

Position Description

With the support of grant funding, TimeSlips is recruiting 10 Community-Engaged Artists to engage isolated older adults in Milwaukee County. Because the need for engagement is dire,

we anticipate a short recruitment/selection period. Artists will need to be dependable, resourceful and thrive in a virtual, team environment. Because we are working with a vulnerable population, all potential artists must pass a background check.

Artists will:

- Participate in two weeks of training with TimeSlips and our partner agency ERAS
- Remotely engage 10 isolated older adults once a week for 12 weeks via phone
- Document engagements and submit documentation to the project manager
- Shape engagements into an artistic product for each older adult that can be shared back with them. These can be as simple as a drawing, painting, story, poem, song or text collage
- Support pre/post evaluation of the project
- Work an estimated 20 hours per week for 14 weeks, all remotely from home

Required skills:

- Demonstrated experience in joyfully engaging non-artists in creative expression
- Demonstrated expertise in at least one art form
- Demonstrated ability to efficiently track and document work and troubleshoot and adjust to challenges
- Demonstrated comfort with technology, both utilizing to achieve functions of the job and explaining it to our customers who have a wide range of comfort with technology
- Demonstrated ability to communicate, develop and nurture individual relationships, with particular capacity to work compassionately across a range of differences, including race, ethnicity, economic, physical and cognitive ability, and gender and sexuality
- Track record of working both independently and collaboratively with an inclusive working style
- Excellent communication skills, both written and verbal

Because of funding restrictions, applicant artists must reside in the city of Milwaukee.

This position is temporary (14 weeks) and does not have any benefits (paid time off, health or dental insurance or retirement program) except the required government benefits of social security taxes, unemployment insurance and workers compensation insurance.

Compensation

Selected artists will be paid \$20 per hour for their work, and will receive TimeSlips training as well as ERAS volunteer training.

How to Apply

Please submit a letter of interest, resume and three artistic samples of your own art work or work you facilitate with non-artists (links to audio files, images, writing etc.), and the names and contact information for two references who can directly address your skills in relation to this

position by no later than July 5, 2020, to:

jobs@timeslips.org with the subject line: Community-Engaged Artist MKE.

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