

National Gallery of Art

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VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT FOR NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART

SCHOOL DOCENT PROGRAM

Washington, D.C. – The National Gallery of Art is now accepting applications for participation in its Volunteer School Docent Program. Volunteer docents give tours of the Gallery's permanent collection of European and American art as well as special exhibitions to school classes, grades pre-kindergarten through high school.

"Volunteers are essential to the Gallery's mission of serving the public and helping to enhance the appreciation of art. The School Docent Program strives to teach, inspire, and engage students with works of art, and to foster an appreciation of the visual arts," said Linda Downs, head of education, National Gallery of Art.

The Gallery provides structured orientation and instruction for volunteers in the program through lectures, gallery sessions, and tour observations. Volunteering at the Gallery offers a stimulating environment in addition to personal rewards such as serving the public and gaining knowledge from exchanges with fellow volunteers and professional museum staff.

Applications will be accepted through April 10, 2000. For information or an application, please call the Volunteer Opportunities Hotline at (202) 789-3013.

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