



Job Title: GENERAL SUMMER VOLUNTEERS

Organisation: AstroSankofa

Location: Toronto, Ontario (Applicants must be from Jane and Finch Community)

Project Options:

- **Community Mural @ Downsview Hangers (North York): May 20 – June 3rd**
- **Community Consultation Event at the Jamaican Canadian Association(JCA): June 5**
- **Community Mural @ JCA: July – August**
- **Digital Impressions, Urban Griots [Cultural Hotspot] Program @ Jane and Finch Mall : July – September**

Position Type: Community Service Volunteer

Hours: Up to 15 hours a week (3 hours a day)

Compensation: Up to \$500 honorarium

Community Murals Overview

AstroSankofa is doing several murals across the GTA for different communities seeking to make a positive impact and inspire. Regardless of your art skills or experience we believe there is a way any one and everyone can contribute to the work we are doing. If you are looking for a chance to have fun making art and contribute to positive messages for people to enjoy then come and contribute to what we are doing.

Responsibilities:

- **Support With Painting:** Applying paint to the mural according to the design plan. This could include filling in large areas, detailed work, and layering different colors.
- **Collaborating with Other Volunteers:** Working effectively as part of a team, taking direction from the lead artist or project coordinator, and assisting other volunteers as needed.
- **Documentation:** Taking photos or videos of the mural process to document progress. This can be important for promoting the project on social media, creating a record of the work, and for future reference.
- **Clean-Up:** Ensuring the worksite is clean and tidy at the end of each day and at the project's conclusion. This includes washing brushes, storing materials, and disposing of waste properly.

Volunteers might also be expected to attend planning meetings or training sessions to familiarize themselves with the project goals and techniques before the mural work begins.

Community Art Program – “Digital Impressions, Urban Griots” Overview

AstroSankofa is launching an augmented reality (AR) digital art project to engage youth aged 14-18 in the Jane and Finch area. The Digital Impressions, Urban Griot project is to engage the community in existing artwork that speaks to the stories of the local community, and celebrates Black luminaries in Canada, while digitally upgrading them to include the different voices and perspectives of today’s generation. Through arts-focused engagement, we aim to build trusting relationships with youth in the local area, providing them with transferable skills for the screen industry technology field while fostering a sense of ownership and belonging among residents. If this speaks to you and want to be a part of the process then come and join us.

Responsibilities:

- Assist with setting up and organizing workshop spaces, including arranging chairs, tables, and art supplies.
- Welcome and register participants as they arrive for workshops and events.
- Support workshop facilitators and program assistants in delivering activities and engaging with participants.
- Help distribute materials and equipment during workshops, ensuring that participants have everything they need to participate.
- Assist with administrative tasks, such as taking attendance, photocopying materials, and organizing paperwork.
- Participate in project debriefs and meetings to provide feedback and suggestions for improvement.

About AstroSankofa:

AstroSankofa is an artist collective and arts support non-profit dedicated to promoting Black artists in Toronto – Ontario and throughout Canada. Our mission is to engage the community at large through art, celebrating local stories and Black luminaries of Canada.

AstroSankofa will take on as many volunteers as possible to assist AstroSankofa with project implementation. We will also include four community mentees who will shadow our facilitators and learn skills in community projects and workshop facilitation to expand the professional outcomes of this project.

Our Commitment to Safety:

Ensuring the safety of all involved, our protocol entails meticulous safety assessments of workshop locations and the provision of essential safety equipment. Staff will guide participants through safety procedures and emergency protocols while maintaining communication channels for feedback. With these measures, we prioritise the well-being of our team, participants, and community, fostering an environment conducive to creativity and collaboration in the Jane and Finch area.

How to Apply:

Interested candidates should submit a CV, cover letter and examples of work you have outlining their qualifications and interest in the position to info@astrosankofa.org by **May 30, 2024**.

AstroSankofa is committed to fostering a safe and inclusive environment for local Black Youth. We thank all applicants for their interest; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.