



POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Education Teaching Artist

FIRST STAGE is committed to dismantling structures that may prevent ALL people from applying for employment with us. FIRST STAGE celebrates the richness of our world by cultivating Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity as they inspire the creativity that nurtures great art, artists, and audiences. FIRST STAGE acknowledges we have been party to supporting oppressive systems in the past and are committed to continuing to prioritize our journey in becoming an anti-racist and fully inclusive organization, and we strongly encourage candidates from historically underrepresented groups to apply.

FIRST STAGE is an equal-opportunity employer. As such, we consider individuals for employment according to their abilities and performance. Employment decisions are made without regard to race, age, religion, color, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, physical or mental disability, marital or veteran status, or any other classification protected by law.

Position: Education Teaching Artist

Status: Non-Exempt, Part Time Seasonal

Reports to: Education Director

Dates: A mutually determined schedule between January and June 2025, evening and weekend hours required

Compensation: Education Teaching artists are paid per workshop, roughly equivalent to \$18/hour.

Overview: First Stage seeks Education Teaching Artists to facilitate enriching, engaging, and interactive in-school programming for young people of all ages and experience levels. Education team members must be flexible, team players, lead by example, exhibit a strong work ethic and be committed to First Stage's philosophy of transforming lives through theater. This position requires evening and weekend hours, a friendly demeanor, quick and confident problem-solving skills, and enthusiasm for working with young people and for theater and the performing arts.

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RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Work with the Education Director, other Teaching Artists, classroom teachers and school contacts on a continual basis to facilitate theater curriculum to students in Pre-K-12th grade in school settings.
- This role requires travel to various schools and community sites throughout the Greater Milwaukee area and Southeastern Wisconsin.
- Maintain a safe learning environment through supporting student well-being, confidence, and personal growth.
- Manage classroom behavior, procedures, and assessments.
- Attend all required meetings and training sessions.
- Facilitate presentations as needed.

QUALIFICATIONS

- A bachelor's degree in education, theatre arts, or a related field is preferred.
- Prior teaching experience is essential.
- Excellent communication, flexibility, and customer service skills are critical, along with the ability to manage multiple tasks simultaneously.
- Spanish-speaking abilities are a plus but not required.
- Ability to maintain a positive work environment by communicating and behaving in a positive manner with all artists, staff, and stakeholders from a variety of backgrounds.
- An offer of employment is contingent on a successful background check.

REQUIREMENTS

- Ability to meet the physical demands of the job, including being on your feet for long periods of time.
- Must be able to commit to work shifts as scheduled, including evenings and weekends.
- Must have access to reliable transportation. Mileage reimbursement is available.



- Due to First Stage's agreements with Actor's Equity Association (AEA), you agree to any COVID-19 and Infectious Disease procedures, including but not limited to any required masking or prior testing to enter or interact with production groups, rehearsal or backstage spaces as designated by First Stage.
- First Stage is committed to creating a safe, equitable, and inclusive work environment, and all incoming staff members will be required to complete Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Justice training.
- This position involves working with young people, and as such, a background check will be required.

To Apply:

Please send a cover letter and resume with your experience and general availability via email to Education Director, Brinn Hill: bhill@firststage.org. No phone calls, please. All employment at First Stage is subject to a background check due to the nature of our work with Young People.

ABOUT FIRST STAGE:

First Stage is a nationally acclaimed professional theater company drawing annual audiences of more than 120,000 people. First Stage's production season includes mainstage shows at the Todd Wehr Theater and our First Steps and Young Company Series of productions at Goodman Mainstage Hall at the Milwaukee Youth Arts Center - a total of more than 400 performances annually. First Stage also offers Theater-in-Education programs, annually serving 20,000 students in classrooms throughout southeastern Wisconsin. The First Stage Theater Academy, the largest and most high-impact training program in the nation, teaches "life skills through stage skills" to nearly 2,000 young people ages 3 - 18 annually. For more information about First Stage, including current updates on our Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion work, please visit www.firststage.org