

AANY Youth Arts Leadership Program

Learn • Lead • Serve • Connect Through the Arts

For Middle & High School Students Ages 13+

Asian Arts New York (AANY) welcomes middle and high school students ages 13 and older to participate in the AANY Youth Arts Leadership Program, providing meaningful opportunities to develop leadership skills while supporting arts, cultural, and community programs throughout the Capital Region.

Students can take on age-appropriate responsibilities in exhibitions, performances, cultural festivals, workshops, community outreach, and youth programs. Depending on their interests and experience, students may help coordinate volunteers, welcome and engage audiences, support artists and instructors, assist with event logistics, document programs, or help lead activities for younger participants.

Through hands-on experience, students develop communication, teamwork, organization, creativity, responsibility, and community leadership skills while gaining a deeper understanding of Asian arts and cultural traditions. Their contributions help AANY create welcoming and accessible cultural experiences for the broader community.

Youth Leadership Levels

 **Volunteer** — Support AANY events and programs with assigned tasks such as guest welcome, registration, materials preparation, and general event assistance.

 **Program Leader** — Take responsibility for a specific area of an event or program, such as supporting an exhibition, workshop, performance, or cultural activity.

 **Community Leader** — Help AANY engage the community through outreach, audience engagement, promotion, documentation, or other approved projects.

 **Youth Event Coordinator** — Lead a defined volunteer team or major event responsibility, helping with planning, coordination, communication, and execution under AANY staff guidance.

Students do not need to move through every level. Leadership opportunities are based on age, experience, interest, reliability, and demonstrated responsibility.

Volunteer & Leadership Opportunities

- Art exhibitions and gallery programs
- Performances and cultural events
- Cultural festivals and community celebrations
- Arts and cultural workshops
- Youth arts programs
- Community outreach and audience engagement
- Event documentation and approved promotional activities
- Event preparation and coordination

Volunteer Hours & Recognition

Students will receive documented volunteer hours for service actually completed. Hours may be used toward school or community-service requirements when accepted by the student's school or program. AANY may also provide certificates or other recognition for students who demonstrate outstanding leadership and commitment.

How to Participate

Students and parents/guardians **please fill in the form attached and return to info@asianartsny.org**.

Upcoming opportunities varies by event, and some leadership assignments may require advance registration or prior volunteer experience.

Asian Arts New York (AANY)

<https://asianartsny.org>

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Parent/Guardian Consent & Student Information Form

Please complete all sections of this form. Return the signed document to an AANY representative or via email ed@asianartsny.org before the student's scheduled activity.

1. Student & Family Information

Student Full Name	
School / Grade	
Student Email (Optional)	
Parent/Guardian Name	
Parent/Guardian Phone	
Parent/Guardian Email	

2. Volunteer & Leadership Activity Details

Event / Program Name: _____

Date(s) of Service: _____

Proposed Leadership Level: ☐ Volunteer ☐ Program Leader ☐ Community Leader ☐ Youth Event Coordinator

Expected Volunteer Hours: _____

3. Terms of Agreement & Parent Acknowledgments

Please check each box to acknowledge you understand and accept the program guidelines.

- ☐ **Participation:** I give permission for my child to participate in age-appropriate volunteer and leadership activities with Asian Arts New York (AANY). I understand that assignments will be supervised and may vary by event.
- ☐ **Conduct & Safety:** I understand that students must strictly follow AANY's safety, conduct, and event guidelines. AANY reserves the right to terminate a student's participation if they violate these safety or behavioral standards.
- ☐ **Hours & Tracking:** I understand that AANY will document hours actually completed, and that volunteer hours remain subject to the specific requirements of the student's school or program.
- ☐ **Transportation:** I acknowledge that parents/guardians are fully responsible for coordinating safe transportation for the student to and from all AANY event locations.

4. Media, Medical, & Liability Releases

Photo and Media Release Consent

I hereby grant Asian Arts New York (AANY) permission to use my child's likeness, name, photograph, video, or audio recording in promotional materials, social media, websites, and press releases related to the Youth Arts Leadership Program. I understand that these materials will be used solely to promote AANY's non-profit community programs, and no financial compensation will be provided.

Please check one: ☐ I CONSENT / ☐ I DO NOT CONSENT

Emergency Medical Authorization

In the event of an illness or injury requiring urgent medical attention during an AANY event, I authorize AANY staff or supervisors to secure necessary medical treatment, including first aid, ambulance transit, or emergency hospital care, if a parent/guardian or emergency contact cannot be reached immediately. I accept financial responsibility for any medical expenses incurred.

Known Allergies / Medical Considerations / Accommodations:

Liability Release Waiver

I understand that while AANY provides appropriate supervision for all youth leadership tasks, participation involves active roles in public venues, workshops, and community events. I agree that AANY, its directors, officers, and volunteers shall not be held liable for any personal injury, property damage, or loss resulting from participation, except in cases of gross negligence.

5. Emergency Contact

Provide someone who can be reached if the primary parent/guardian listed in Section 1 is unavailable.

Full Name: _____

Relationship to Student: _____

Phone Number: _____

6. Authorization Signatures

By signing below, I certify that I have read, understood, and agreed to all terms, waivers, and disclosures in this document.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

AANY Representative Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Submission Instructions: Please return this completed form to ed@asianartsny.org or hand a physical copy to your AANY coordinator before your service begins.