Elder Stories Documentary Program Mentor

Position Overview
We are seeking one creative, supportive, and community-minded mentor to work with youth in SPNN's first Elder Stories documentary filmmaking Fellowship. Mentors will guide participants through the process of developing, researching, filming, and producing short documentaries that highlight elder narratives in their communities. This role is an opportunity to empower young people to express themselves, build new skills, and share their perspectives through the art of storytelling and film.

Timeline:

- Dates: October 28th-Jan 22nd
- Thursdays and Fridays from 3pm-7pm
- 8 hours a week
- Compensation: $2500 paid in 2 installments

Key Responsibilities

- Mentor and support youth throughout the documentary filmmaking process, from brainstorming story ideas and conducting research to interviewing, filming, and editing.
- Teach and demonstrate basic filmmaking, storytelling, camera operation, sound recording, and video editing techniques.
- Help youth identify meaningful stories, ask thoughtful questions, and approach subjects with curiosity, respect, and cultural awareness.
- Provide constructive feedback, encouragement, and hands-on guidance as youth develop and complete their documentaries.
- Help youth share their finished work with the community through screenings, presentations, or other showcase opportunities.

Qualifications & Skills

- Experience or interest in filmmaking, documentary production, media arts, storytelling, photography, journalism, or a related creative field.
- Experience working with youth, mentoring, teaching, or facilitating group activities is preferred.
- Strong communication, interpersonal, and organizational skills.
- A patient, encouraging, and flexible approach to working with young people from diverse backgrounds.
- Commitment to youth empowerment, creative expression, and respectful, ethical storytelling.
- Ability to commit to Thursdays and Fridays from 3pm-7pm

Ideal Candidate

The ideal mentor is passionate about helping young people discover their voices, explore their creativity, and tell stories that matter. They are comfortable sharing their knowledge, learning alongside participants, and creating an engaging environment where youth feel valued, supported, and inspired to bring their ideas to life.

Email your resume and a 50 word statement of interest to Ford.rambo@spnn.org by Oct.25th