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Application Deadline:
Open until filled

Director of bluapple Poetry Network Programs

ABOUT THE FOUNDATION: The Jason Taylor Foundation supports and creates programs that facilitate the personal growth and empowerment of South Florida's children in need by focusing on improved health care, education and quality of life.

ABOUT THE BLUAPPLE POETRY NETWORK: The Omari Hardwick bluapple Poetry Network is a multifaceted spoken word poetry program available free to students actively attending South Florida schools. The program provides an environment for students to focus on literacy, prevention issues and social awareness as vehicles for self expression, both written and through performance, ultimately empowering young people, the schools they attend and the communities in which they live.

DESCRIPTION: The Director of Omari Hardwick bluapple Poetry Network Programs is a full-time, salaried position responsible for overseeing all aspects of the organization's poetry programming including but not limited to planning and design, implementation, evaluation, quality assurance, and staff professional development. The position is also instrumental in the planning, coordination and execution of the Louder Than a Bomb Florida Youth Poetry Festival. The position is collaborative, ensuring that all aspects of bluapple programs are aligned with the Jason Taylor Foundation's values, goals, communications, and fundraising strategies. The Director of Poetry Programs works cross-functionally with the Jason Taylor Foundation's Director of Operations and Educational Director. The position reports to the Executive Director. The Director of Programs is responsible for managing a team that includes the Youth Engagement Coordinator, Teaching Artist Corps (5 - 7 artist educators), LTABFLA Recruiting Coordinator, Programs Assistant and all Louder Than A Bomb Florida tournament festival staff.

RESPONSIBILITIES: The successful candidate will oversee management of all bluapple Poetry programmatic frameworks, delivery goals, and budgeted expenses:

Oversight and management of bluapple Poetry Programs

- Program design and enhancement
- Hire, contract and manage bluapple staff as required
- Evaluation and assessment of programs
- Design and manage internship positions
- Budget management

Oversight of Education Partnerships (Network in-school programs and residencies)

- Curriculum and lesson plan development
- Teaching partner training and professional development
- Establish and manage district level partnerships
- Virtual Showcase management
- Data collection and assessment

Louder Than A Bomb Florida (LTABFLA) festival management and coordination

- Coordinate all coaches' communications, meetings and trainings
- Coordinate LTABFLA regional activities and events
- Oversee and manage all festival tournament activities
- Manage festival staff
- Collaborate on securing festival spaces
- Co-represent LTABFLA within National LTAB Network

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Management of Teaching Artist Staff

- Contract and oversee Teaching Artists - a team of arts educators who deliver bluapple programs
- Design and implement orientation, training, artistic development and professional development programs for Teaching Artists
- Design and implement all evaluation tools and establish deadlines
- Manage end-of-residency reviews of Teaching Artists

Strategic Planning

- Convene annual program design planning sessions with key staff
- Convene long term program planning strategy sessions as required

Jason Taylor Foundation

- Support execution of non-bluapple related Jason Taylor Foundation events
- Assist with implementation of artistic elements for non-bluapple related Jason Taylor Foundation events or programs

QUALIFICATIONS: Ideal candidates will possess the following knowledge, skills and/or abilities:

- A degree in education, arts management, or a related field
- Five (5) years of professional experience with a concentration on education, youth development, or arts and culture
- Experience in arts management, administration and implementation with a focus on building and managing long-term programmatic strategies
- Experience in teaching, instruction and curriculum development
- Proficient in managing people
- Comfortable collaborating and working in a team setting
- Experience in overseeing and/or implementing a broad array of programming including workshops, performances and special events
- Involvement with spoken word poetry, creative writing, youth culture
- Experience working on poetry slams

HOW TO APPLY:

Using a subject line of **bluapple Programs Director**, please send your **resume and letter of interest** detailing specific supports for your candidacy to:

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