

Application for MoPA Docent Program

The MoPA Docent Program is a rewarding and demanding activity. Those who are interested in learning about photography and museums, and who enjoy sharing their knowledge with the public are encouraged to join.

All new docents receive initial training in *The Visual Thinking Strategies*, history of photography, and public speaking. Afterwards, docents continue their education by participating in docent meetings, exhibition walk-throughs, readings, lectures, presentations, informal gatherings with artists and curators, field trips and other activities. Also, active docents who host ten or more tours annually receive free museum membership.

Docents' main responsibility is to lead public tours on the current exhibitions. MoPA offers regular public tours on weekend afternoons and tours to school groups of various ages during the week.

If you are willing to make the necessary commitment to this program, please complete this form and return it to the Education Department. Please use separate sheets if necessary.

Name _____ Date _____

Email _____

Are you currently a member of MoPA? Yes No

Have you ever been a docent? Yes No

If so, for which museum(s)?

Education:

Professional Experience: (attach resume or use reverse side for additional space)

Why are you interested in becoming a docent?

What interests you about photography?

What, if any, has been your previous experience with the photographic arts?

What recent MoPA exhibitions, programs or lectures have you attended?

Which other exhibitions, museums or galleries have you recently visited?

What kinds of books have you read on the history of photography or individual photographers? Which of these have been particularly meaningful to you?

Please give a brief summary of any public speaking experience(s) you have.

Do you have any previous experience teaching children? Yes No
If so, please explain.

Are you interested in giving school tours and working with the Education Department to conduct family days, outreach to schools, etc?

What types of tours are you most interested in leading? (Check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Children (K-6) | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth (Jr. High) | <input type="checkbox"/> Seniors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High School | <input type="checkbox"/> Developmentally or physically challenged |
| <input type="checkbox"/> College | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography classes |

Do you speak any languages other than English? If so, which one(s)? Would you be able to present tours in that language?

During what times are you usually available? (Check all that apply)

- Days Evenings Weekends

Please fax or mail the application to the below address. The Docent Programs Manager will be in contact with you to set up a meeting to further discuss the program!

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