

2016-2017 CMA Docent Information Sheet

We are recruiting volunteer docents to participate in a five-month intensive training program and commit to two years of touring groups in the Museum after graduation. Classes will be held on Thursday evenings from 4-6 p.m. from September 8, 2016 through January 26, 2017.

- Expect to attend and participate in two-hour training sessions three times a month. You may be asked to attend additional presentations or observe tours occasionally on other days of the week.
- Course fee investment is \$200 plus an additional nonrefundable \$50 materials fee. Fees cover space usage at the Museum, guest speakers, etc. Fees can be paid in installments. Scholarships are available to participants who demonstrate need.
- During new docent sessions, you can expect to learn the following subject areas:
 - Visitor-centered touring techniques and ways to facilitate creative conversations
 - Museum education philosophies and practices
 - Early childhood development through adult learning with learners ages 5-100
 - Cultural, social and stylistic backgrounds of visual art, focusing on CMA's collection and special exhibitions.
 - Cultivating and celebrating creativity, critical thinking and imagination
- Expect to participate in group discussion and personal reflection, both of which will be used to develop a culture of thinking within our group. Writing assignments, readings, and other experiential assignments will be utilized throughout the course.
- Upon course completion, active docents are required to maintain a Museum membership during the duration of their time as a docent. (Memberships start at \$60.)