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Bexar County Arts Internship Program provides support for local nonprofits

Applications are now being accepted for paid summer internships with local nonprofit arts organizations with funding from Bexar County. Through the Arts Internship Program, Bexar County provides \$3,500 to ten local nonprofit arts organizations to fund an internship at each organization to assist with a seasonal program or special project. The internships will begin on June 6 and end on Aug. 12.

“This program allows our local arts sector to attract motivated and talented undergraduate students to work on projects that help the organizations succeed in their missions,” County Judge Nelson Wolff said. “It is our hope that the students will realize the importance of the arts in our community and become our future arts leaders and advocates.”

The program is open to all undergraduate students who are residents of Bexar County, even if they attend a college or university outside of the county. Interested students should apply directly to the organizations. Selected interns will be presented at a Commissioners Court meeting during the summer and will close out the program with a luncheon and presentation of their work.

The selected organizations and intern descriptions are:

- [Artpace](#): the intern will assist with planning and implementation of Artpace’s Texas Convening for Teens in the Arts conference, Chalk It Up, program evaluation and development of online educational resources.
- [Arts San Antonio](#): the intern will participate and contribute to audience development and promotional programs, create marketing materials, participate in event budgeting and forecasting, and management of social media and the website.
- [Cactus Pear Music Festival](#): the social media intern will develop and execute a social media and digital marketing strategy, while learning about project management, marketing, fundraising and event planning.
- [Centro Cultural Aztlan](#): the community engagement intern will identify new artist prospects, coordinate submissions for upcoming exhibits, form collaborative relationships with partners,

contact media outlets, design and create marketing materials, conduct community outreach and manage social media accounts.

- [Children's Chorus of San Antonio](#): the marketing intern will help develop a unified mission and message of the organization's various programs, work with design consultants to create messaging and test-market new components and concepts; assist with stakeholder surveys and validation of new branding components; and develop a social media strategy.
- [The Classic Theatre of San Antonio](#): the marketing and communications intern will gain experience in web design, graphics, marketing, public relations and social media. The intern will work with production staff to create and launch the 9th season advertising campaign.
- [Gemini Ink](#): the Writers In Communities (WIC) intern will assist the WIC Program Director with creating a comprehensive training manual for new and existing WIC instructors, as well as design and implement a two-day training workshop to coincide with the manual.
- [San Antonio Choral Society](#): the web design/graphic arts intern will conceptualize, design and create mock-ups for specific requests and small enhancements to entirely new website designs.
- [San Antonio Symphony](#): the intern will work in the education department to prepare all aspects of the 2016-17 Young People's Concerts program to include updating program webpages, preparing an online reservation system, transportation logistics, researching school information and providing follow-up communications.
- [Youth Orchestras of San Antonio \(YOSA\)](#): the development intern will complete a list of projects and assignments prioritized by YOSA staff to include prospect research, donor stewardship and development strategy. The intern will use donor database systems and other public information to identify new donors, migrate data between two databases, assist with the YOSA Alumni Project and serve as an assistant in donor cultivation and correspondence.

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