

# Docents at the Mint



The Education Department of The Mint Museum offers tours to area elementary and secondary school students as well as to other groups ranging from pre-school children to senior citizens.

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## Docent Program

Docents of The Mint Museum, the volunteer members of the Education Department, lead tours and devote time and professional expertise to help visitors understand and enjoy works in the museum collections, the buildings, and the special exhibitions. A thorough training program held in weekly sessions prepares new docents with teaching skills, and helps develop their knowledge of aesthetics and the Mint's collection. Lectures by staff, curators and artists are supplemented by assigned reading, workshops, observation of tours, presentation of practice tours, and continuing education meetings.

Mint Docents are known for their excellence. Their enthusiasm for art and their interest in visitors endow the Museum with spirit and warmth. As Mint representatives, they are trained and evaluated by professional standards.

### Docents are people who have:

- The ability to communicate effectively with a group
- An education background or a strong interest in art
- A warm and friendly attitude
- The ability to make a two-year commitment to the program

# Docent Application

If you are interested in becoming a Docent, please complete the application and return to the Education Department at the Mint Museum RANDOLPH: 2730 Randolph Road | Charlotte, NC 28207

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## PERSONAL

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

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FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT EMPLOYER: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

## DOCENT EXPERIENCE

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN A MUSEUM DOCENT? \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE? \_\_\_\_\_

ARE YOU ABLE TO MAKE A TWO-YEAR COMMITMENT (TRAINING PROGRAM, THEN 2 HR./WK.) TO THE DOCENT PROGRAM? \_\_\_\_\_

AVAILABILITY? (CIRCLE ONE)

WEEKDAYS | WEEKENDS | EVENINGS

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE PROGRAM?  
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FOR WHICH MUSEUM YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE A DOCENT? (CIRCLE ONE)

MINT MUSEUM RANDOLPH | MINT MUSEUM UPTOWN

WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE A DOCENT?  
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## EDUCATION

SCHOOL / COLLEGE / UNIVERSITY: (LIST HIGHEST)  
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LIST ANY TRAINING, ART COURSES OR OTHER COURSES WHICH MIGHT RELATE TO WORK AS A DOCENT: (E.G., AMERICAN HISTORY, EDUCATION, WORLD HISTORY, PUBLIC SPEAKING)  
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## WORK EXPERIENCE

LIST PROFESSIONAL AND/OR CURRENT VOLUNTEER WORK (RÉSUMÉ MAY BE SUBMITTED):  
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HAVE YOU EVER WORKED WITH THE FOLLOWING GROUPS? (CIRCLE ONE)

CHILDREN (AGES 4-12) | TEENAGERS | STUDENTS | SENIOR CITIZENS | DISABLED | OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

DO YOU SPEAK ANY FOREIGN LANGUAGES? \_\_\_\_\_

IF YES, PLEASE LIST LANGUAGE(S) AND EXPERIENCE LEVEL: (E.G., SPANISH - ADEQUATE)  
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COMPUTER SKILLS:  
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AREAS OF INTEREST:  
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Docents must be members of The Mint Museum. In addition, active docents pay a small annual dues fee (\$10) and must purchase the handbook (A one-time expense of about \$20). It should also be noted that docents are responsible for parking fees at the Mint Museum UPTOWN.

Docents are selected on the basis of interest and experience as evidenced in this application and in personal interviews conducted by members of the Education Department Staff; neither race, religion, gender nor ethnic background are ever a consideration in the selection process.