

WHAT IS THE TEENTIX ARTS PODCAST?

The TeenTix Arts Podcast (TAP) is a group of teens who produce a monthly podcast focused on arts and culture. The TAP program operates in line with the school-year schedule and runs continuously from September-June. TAP teens get to choose the focus for each episode, and work in partnership with Ground Zero Radio to produce a new episode each month - they also **GET PAID FOR THEIR WORK!**



There will be 6 teens in the TAP this year, ages 13 - 19, spanning grades 8 through early college students. As long as you are a teen, you can apply!

Participation in the TAP includes attending bi-monthly meetings - every other Thursday evening from 5-7 PM at the Vera Project. Each TAP teen will also attend a recording session on a Sunday from 10-12 PM, once a month.

TAP teens are also expected to be in regular email communication with each other and their program staff.

The TeenTix Arts Podcast program is all about:

YOUTH EMPOWERMENT: TAP is a place where teens are encouraged and empowered to share their opinions and perspectives. We want to hear what you think about the arts and cultural goings-on in your community. TeenTix values their time and efforts by broadcasting each TAP episode and **PAYING TEENS for their work.**

HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE: TAP teens get hands-on experience as podcast producers and hosts. They often receive press access to events or organizations they are covering. TAP teens also have the opportunity to be mentored by professionals in the field, and build an extensive network in the arts by interviewing arts leaders in the community.

TEEN LEADERSHIP: TAP is comprised of a group of teen leaders. They work collectively to make editorial and production decisions and choose how to focus each episode of TAP. A Teen Program Coordinator also serves as the regular (adult) program lead, and teens will have additional mentorship and guidance from all TeenTix staff, including our Executive Director and Teen Programs Director, as well as Ground Zero and Vera Project staff.

CENTERING YOUTH VOICES: Teens in all TeenTix programs are considered leaders at our organization. Teens are the heart and soul of TeenTix and keep the

organization on-track with what young people actually need and want in the arts world. Our teen leaders are regularly invited to support TeenTix's growth and development as an organization by participating in interviews for new TeenTix staff, sharing information with our executive leadership and Board of Directors, representing TeenTix at community panels and events, and building community across TeenTix programs. They participate in discussions about TeenTix's success in engaging teen arts audiences, the development of TeenTix programs, and ways to further TeenTix's reach.

WHAT WILL I ACTUALLY DO?

- Talk about art and learn more about arts and cultural institutions in your community!
- Work with like-minded teens. TAP is a highly collaborative environment where all teens involved are leaders and have an equal stake in editorial decisions
- Have the opportunity to broadcast your work on the TeenTix YouTube channel
- Be the first to hear about special TeenTix opportunities and events
 - Learn how social justice and racial equity intersect with being an active participant in the arts
 - Share your experience and be an ambassador for TeenTix and arts access in your own community
 - Navigate transportation in the city when coming to the Seattle Center, and when exploring art and culture at organizations TAP chooses to highlight
 - Explore different neighborhoods and the arts experiences offered there



PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

PARTICIPATION EXPECTATIONS:

- Commit to attending 2 TAP meetings each month. In-person participation will be expected for the 2023/24 school year. Occasional Zoom participation can be accommodated upon request.
- Actively participate in the production and research process for each episode
- Be active on email for all primary group communication and communication with TAP staff
- Show up! Attend TAP meetings & engage/talk/discuss/react & be YOURSELF!
- Share your opinions!

ATTENDANCE:

Attendance at TAP meetings throughout the year is mandatory. TAP meetings are held every other Thursday evening from 5-7 PM at the Vera Project. TAP teens rotate who

will do the recording each month, so each teen will attend a Sunday recording session, 5-6 times throughout the year.

Meetings and recording sessions are held at the [Vera Project at the Seattle Center](#) (305 Harrison St, Seattle WA 98109).

[For the full schedule see here.](#)

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TeenTix follows health and safety regulations as suggested by the CDC and the state of Washington. The safety of the young people in our community is our top priority. In-person requirements are subject to change.

STIPENDS:

TAP teens earn a stipend of up to \$50 each month. Stipends are given out each month based on performance in five key categories: communication, deadlines, collaboration, attendance, and participation.

QUESTIONS?

To learn more visit: <https://www.teentix.org/press-corps/teentix-TAP>.

For additional questions, please email:

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NOW IT'S TIME TO APPLY!

Once you've read the details and think the TAP program is for you, [apply here!](#)

2023/24 TAP APPLICATION TIMELINE:

- Applications Open - April 7
- Open House/Application Support - Meet with current TAP teens to hear more about what it's like to be part of the program
 - Thursday, June 1, 5-6 PM
 - Thursday, June 13, 5-6 PM
- Applications Close: June 30
- All applicants will be notified by August 4