Young Audiences of Maryland (YA) will offer paid summer internships to 25 rising seniors from Baltimore City Public High Schools. This internship program includes: meaningful work experience and a special project through a placement at an arts/cultural institution; behind-the-scenes tours/presentations at arts organizations; and the chance to see/hear/talk about works of art in various arts disciplines (visual art, music, theatre, dance, design, film/video, technology). Students will also receive guidance and support with college applications and build strong career skills. This program is made possible by a grant from Bloomberg Philanthropies.

BACKGROUND

In 2012, Bloomberg Philanthropies created the Bloomberg Arts Internship (BAI) program in New York City as a pipeline for public school students to college and careers in the arts. The program’s success led the foundation to expand its reach, first to students in Philadelphia, then in Baltimore City, and now in Boston. Entering into its fifth year, Young Audiences is in search of 25 dynamic Baltimore City high school students to make up the 2021 cohort.

THE INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE

BAI is a rigorous program with three major elements: a six-week paid placement working day-to-day in an arts organization; opportunities to connect with artists, leaders and organizations that make Baltimore City such a vibrant arts community; and professional development focused on college and career readiness.

This is a seven week, full time paid internship made possible by a grant from Bloomberg Philanthropies with goals for students to:

• gain meaningful workforce experiences in the field of arts and culture through placements at arts/cultural institutions;
• prepare to apply and transition to college through professional development and the support of college mentors;
• develop knowledge of and connection to the city’s vibrant arts culture through panels of local artists, studio visits, and trips to local arts areas/organizations;
• strengthen their oral and written communication skills through professional development and the support of writing coaches;
• connect, create and catalyze change in their lives and communities;
• and connect to a BAI community grounded in safety, belonging, equity, and creative expression.

BAI 2021 will be a combination of virtual professional development and in-person trips and experiences. We will continue to update our plans based on city and state COVID safety precautions.

AM I QUALIFIED TO APPLY?

To apply, students must be enrolled in a Baltimore City public high school and:

• Successfully complete their junior year 2020-21;
• Be 16 years of age or above as of 6/15/21;
• Have a passion for or interest in the arts;
• Commit to attend the 36-hour/week internship plus a 32-hour orientation July 6-9;
• Commit to working full-time for 6 weeks from July 12 through August 20;
• Be excited and willing to bring their true, authentic, creative selves to our BAI community;
• Be able to work legally in the United States.
**Application Step #1**
The first step is to complete and submit an application you can find [HERE](#). You can also find a link on our website at yamd.org/bloomberg. Please be sure to fully complete all sections of the application and include all required supporting materials, including recommendations from teachers. You do not have to complete the application in one sitting: you can save it and return to it.

**Application Step #2**
If you are selected to move to the next step of the process, you will be invited by Young Audiences to participate in an interview after school on May 4, 5, 6 or 7 from 4:30-6:30 pm. (Please keep these dates/times open!) You will be notified by April 19 if you are invited for an interview. At that time you will receive information about how to prepare for the interview, as well the appointment date, time, and location. Based on the strength of applications and interviews, 25 students will be selected to be our BAI 2021 cohort!

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**LAST YEAR’S SCHOOLS**

Baltimore City College High School, Baltimore Polytechnic Institute, Baltimore School for the Arts, Mervo, Patterson High School, REACH! Partnership Schools, Western High School