

CENTER FOR ARCHITECTURE



**Looking to share your interest in architecture and design with young people this summer?
Apply to work with [Summer Programs](#) at the [Center for Architecture](#).**

About our Summer Programs:

Summer Programs give curious kids the opportunity to dive into specific interests in architecture and test out their own ideas. Each program explores a different theme through art and building activities, design challenges, guided investigations of architectural examples, and field trips. Programs are taught by CFA Design Educators and are grouped by age: elementary school (grades 3–5), middle school (grades 6–8) and high school (grades 9–12). Each program culminates with students presenting their week’s design work to family and friends. Programs are held at the Center for Architecture and at an offsite location in midtown and will run July 6–August 21, 2026.

Responsibilities/Requirements:

Volunteers are asked to commit to full program weeks, so they can see the project from start to finish and be fully integrated into the program as assistants. Volunteers work directly with our Design Educators in the classroom and assist with all program activities and field trips. Typical tasks include working one-on-one with a student to help them finalize their ideas or figure out how to get their drawing to the right scale; cutting cardboard for younger students; providing encouragement to a student who is having difficulties; and assisting with class management on a field trip. You will not only develop your teaching skills but also learn more about architecture and design in the process.

The hours are 8:30 am–4:30 pm, Monday–Friday, with an hour break for lunch. Candidates should have experience or interest in working with children, and have knowledge of and interest in architecture, design, and hands-on art making.

How to Apply:

Please complete our **Summer Volunteer Application** (next page) and send that along with your resume to k12education@centerforarchitecture.org. Please visit our website www.centerforarchitecture.org/summer for further information about the programs being offered this summer.

About the Center for Architecture

The Center for Architecture shares a home with the AIA New York Chapter and has the unique advantage of drawing upon the ideas and experiences of practicing architects to produce thought provoking exhibitions, informative public programs, and quality design education experiences for K-12 students. It also leads New York City’s annual month-long architecture and design festival, [Archtober](#).

The Center for Architecture’s aim is to further public knowledge about New York City architecture and architects, foster exchange and collaboration among members of the design, development, building, scholarly, and policy sectors, and inspire new ideas about the role of design in communities by presenting contemporary and practical issues in architecture and urbanism to a general audience.



Summer Programs Volunteer Application

Please return application and resume to k12education@centerforarchitecture.org

Contact Information

Name	
Street Address	
City, State, Zip	
Email Address	
Phone	

Availability

How many total weeks are you interested in volunteering? _____

Which age group are you most interested in working with (Grades 3-5; Grades 6-8, Grades 9-12)? _____

Please rank ALL program weeks you are available to assist with. Leave lines blank for weeks you are not available. If selected, you will be assigned based on our staffing needs. Please note, there are minimum age/architectural qualifications for middle school and high school programs. [See website here for program descriptions.](#)

- _____ **July 6-10, 2026**
- _____ **July 13-17, 2026**
- _____ **July 20-24, 2026**
- _____ **July 27-31, 2026**
- _____ **August 3-7, 2026**
- _____ **August 10-14, 2026**
- _____ **August 17-21, 2026**

Architectural/Design Skills

Please summarize your experience with architecture, design, or hands-on art/building projects.

Education Experience

Please explain previous experiences working with children

Please explain your interest in working with CFA

Tell us why you want to work with our summer programs.

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Person to notify in case of emergency

Name	
Street Address	
City, State, Zip	
Email Address	
Phone	

Agreement and Signature

I understand by submitting this application, I affirm that the facts set forth in it are true and complete. I understand that if I am accepted as a volunteer, any false statements, omissions, or other misrepresentations made by me on this application may result in my immediate dismissal.

Name	
Signature (or initial if completing digitally)	
Date	

Our Policy

It is the policy of this organization to provide equal opportunities without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual preference, age, or disability.