

Teens today face immense challenges—especially BIPOC and LGBTQ+ youth—exacerbated by systemic inequities and the pandemic’s lasting impact.

At Gage, we believe art is a transformative tool for healing, identity formation, and leadership. Through inclusive, culturally responsive programs, we offer teens a pathway to creative expression, resilience, and belonging. By centering youth voices and fostering community-rooted learning, we help young people grow as artists and changemakers.

# Youth art engagement matters more than ever.

Adolescents who participated in 2 or more arts activities at age 10–11 showed significantly **lower levels of hyperactivity** and **inattention** three years later, regardless of socioeconomic background.

Teens involved in arts activities reported **less antisocial behavior** and **more empathy** and **prosocial behavior**.

Students with increased access to arts education showed **improved writing scores, more school engagement** and **compassion**.

Arts-engaged students were **20% more likely to attend school regularly** and **30% more likely to aspire to college**, compared to peers with low arts exposure.

Sources: “How the arts can support children and young people’s development and wellbeing.” *Social Biobehavioural Research Group*.  
“New evidence of the benefits of arts education.” *Brookings*.  
“Social Media and Adolescents’ and Young Adults’ Mental Health.” *National Center for Health Research*.

Learn More



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## Your Impact

Your support ensures all youth have access to creative tools, mentors, and inclusive spaces to thrive. Your support keeps these programs equitable, mentor-driven, and rooted in community, helping youth leave not only with skills, but with confidence, connection, and agency.

We’re grateful for every gift and we offer personalized donor recognition, including plaques, website listings, and naming opportunities—honoring your commitment to equity, creativity, and community.

| Teen Art Studios (TAS)                                                  | Annually                          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Lead Gift</b><br>Fully fund all three locations                      | \$100,000                         |
| <b>In-Kind or Donation</b><br>Provide high-quality food or art supplies | \$1,500–\$3,000<br>(per location) |
| <b>Sustained Support</b><br>Help sustain and grow TAS                   | \$1,000–\$45,000                  |

| Youth Art Advisory Board (YAAB)                                                                                                            | Annually         |
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| <b>Lead Gift</b><br>Fully fund the advisory board                                                                                          | \$45,000         |
| <b>Youth Leader Fellowship</b><br>Support a teen artist serving as a peer mentor or ambassador for the program                             | \$1,000          |
| <b>Adult Mentor</b><br>Support an adult teaching artist to mentor the board                                                                | \$2,000          |
| <b>Field Trip Sponsor</b><br>Provide funding for student field trips that enhance learning and expand engagement with the arts communities | \$1,000          |
| <b>Sustained Support</b><br>Help start and sustain YAAB                                                                                    | \$1,000–\$50,000 |

| Youth Atelier (YA)                                                                   | Annually         |
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| <b>Lead Gift</b><br>Fully fund the atelier, incl. covering tuition for all students. | \$100,000        |
| <b>Named Scholarships</b><br>Provide a scholarship for one student                   | \$2,500          |
| <b>Sustained Support</b><br>Help start and sustain the Youth Atelier                 | \$1,000–\$50,000 |
| <b>In-Kind Sponsor</b><br>Provide high-quality art supplies                          | \$100–\$1,000    |



Empowering youth through art

GAGE ACADEMY of ART



# The Gage Youth Pathway

We're expanding our youth pathway to meet youth where they are, both in and out of school. This includes:

Expand

In-School Partnerships

Teaching artist leading multi-week lessons.  
Serve Title I middle/high schools with shared values around hands-on learning.

Continue

Teen Art Studios

Free, drop-in teen art-making community. Teaching artist facilitation and supplies: hot meals and supplies provided.

Continue

Youth and Teen Classes and Summer Intensives

Skill-set classes with experienced youth instructors.  
Pre-Teen (6-12) and Teen (13-18). Tuition assistance provided.

New

Youth Art Advisory Board

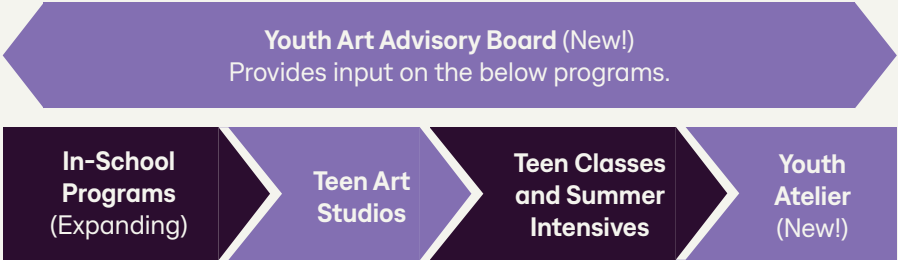
Group of youth leaders drawn from Gage's Teen Programs who serve as advisors and activators of youth-focused initiatives.

New

Youth Atelier

Academic year long immersive skill-based arts program to develop artistic practice, prepare for post-secondary study, and build peer artistic community.

Together, these programs create a continuum of access and opportunity, supporting teens as they grow into confident artists and community changemakers.



# What Your Annual Gift Makes Possible

Gage is seeking financial support for **three components** of the pathway – **Teen Art Studios, Youth Art Advisory Board, and Youth Atelier.** These three programs are the core of our ability to sustain young artists through a journey towards a life-long creative practice.

|                 | Teen Art Studios                                                                                                          | Youth Art Advisory Board                                                                  | Youth Atelier                                                                                                                           |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Purpose         | Foster identity and expression through inclusive art.                                                                     | Empower youth as leaders in arts programming.                                             | Prepare young artists for college and careers.<br><br>Provide opportunities for students who experience barriers to access.             |
| Goals           | Equity, emotional growth, access to education.                                                                            | Build leadership, amplify voice, foster engagement.                                       | Advance skills, build portfolios, offer mentorship.                                                                                     |
| Outcomes        | Youth feel seen, express themselves, diversify arts.                                                                      | Confident youth shape programs and lead change.                                           | Youth gain proficiency, direction, and opportunity.                                                                                     |
| Key Activities  | Art workshops and classes<br>Mentorship with professional artists<br>Exhibitions and showcases<br>Life skills development | Leadership training<br>Advisory meetings<br>Youth-led projects<br>Advocacy and mentorship | Studio practice in multiple mediums<br>Portfolio development<br>One-on-one artist mentorship<br>Critiques, exhibitions, and field trips |
| Schedule        | Fridays, 6–9 PM at 3 locations<br><i>Ongoing</i>                                                                          | Monthly board meetings + quarterly open sessions<br><i>Launches Fall 2025</i>             | 3 hrs on Saturdays + 2 hrs on a weekday evening<br>10-wk sessions, 3x/year<br><i>Launches Fall 2026</i>                                 |
| Students Served | 1,500 total (500 per location)                                                                                            | 8–15 youth leaders                                                                        | 13–15 students per cohort                                                                                                               |
| Cost            | Free                                                                                                                      | Free                                                                                      | Subsidized                                                                                                                              |



**Kathryn began her journey at Gage in a teen portraiture class,**

then found belonging and creative growth in Teen Art Studios. She advanced through the KOH Atelier, refining her artistic skills and creative voice. Today, she's a teaching assistant, artist, and Youth Program Co-Manager—leading programs and school partnerships. Her story shows what's possible when youth have access to quality arts education and community. With your support, we can continue to remove barriers, nurture emerging talent, and empower the next generation of artists and leaders.