



Springboard

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## TEACHING PARTNER / ARTIST APPLICATION

Thank you for your interest in Springboard!

**Springboard** programs utilize innovative programming to engage students in creative learning experiences that reinforce curricular topics. Programs are delivered and taught by professional teachers and artists called Springboard teaching partners / artists. These teaching partners / artists are selected for the roster on the basis of content knowledge, pedagogical skill and educational effectiveness. The selection process consists of four progressive stages: 1. completion of the application; 2. interview with the Springboard staff; 3. audition at a school; 4. completion of all necessary paperwork (W-9, background check, teaching partner / artist agreement, and program details).

Once selected to be on the roster, Springboard teaching partners / artists provide their own programs and/or use a previously-designed curriculum to teach a Springboard Signature Program. A catalog of services is prepared annually to enable teachers, parents, and administrators to select available programs that fit their curriculum needs. Springboard programs are presented throughout the greater St. Louis metropolitan area, eastern Missouri and southwestern Illinois. While schools make up the largest population served, we also present programs in various community settings for the general public. Springboard's unique Partner School program provides participating schools and school districts the opportunity to design a year-long schedule of targeted programming for that school or district's unique educational goals.

We are looking for professional teaching partners / artists with expertise in the following areas:

- Math Concepts
- Science Concepts
- Literacy – reading and writing
- Health and Nutrition – movement
- Character Education
- Social Studies and Culture

**Teaching Partners / Artists with teaching experience are encouraged to apply.** Teaching partner / artists must be available and responsive to the Springboard Staff for program scheduling and improvement. Teaching partners / artists who are added to the Springboard roster are not guaranteed program bookings. To find out more about us and to see a list of current program offerings, visit our website at [www.springboardstl.org](http://www.springboardstl.org).

**Relationship Exclusivity** – All Programs requested by schools / venues in the Service Area as a result of Springboard marketing and promotional efforts (catalog, website, mail & e-mail announcements, etc.) must be scheduled through the Springboard office. Springboard teaching partners / artists agrees cannot provide any service or Program to any school / venue that currently or previously has had a relationship with Springboard, without obtaining prior written authorization from Springboard, unless teaching partner / artist has provided service or Program to venue prior to Springboard.

**Please send a resume with your application.**  
RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION MATERIALS TO:

**SPRINGBOARD**  
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St. Louis, MO 63103  
Or e-mail: [info@springboardstl.org](mailto:info@springboardstl.org)



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**Springboard's Mission:** Springboard provides innovative educational resources that develop children's critical thinking, creativity, collaboration and communication skills through the arts, sciences and humanities. Our programs directly support school curriculum and are designed to ignite a passion for learning.

## **PROGRAM CATEGORIES**

Springboard provides several different types of programming in order to offer area schools options that best fit their curricular needs:

**A Performance** combines the excitement of a live presentation with audience participation for up to **300 students**. These **45-60 minute programs** bring educational topics to life and introduce young minds to the creativity and talent of professional performers. Performances usually take place in a gym, auditorium, theater, cafeteria or multi-purpose room.

**A Workshop** incorporates masterful demonstration with hands-on activity for up to **25 students**. These programs give participants the opportunity to meet with a professional teaching partner / artist and learn about their expertise in a classroom setting. Workshops are **45 to 90 minutes**. They usually take place in a classroom or multi-purpose room.

**A Residency** allows individual classrooms of up to **25 students** to explore topics in greater depth through several sequential, workshop-style **sessions (45-60 minute period of time)** with a teaching partner / artist. Each project is planned in collaboration with teachers and customized to fit the curriculum. The length and number of sessions with students and other details vary by teacher and theme. Most short term residencies include 3 to 5 sessions (45-60 minutes each) with each classroom in a grade level. Long-term residencies, where the teaching partner / artist is usually scheduled one day a week for 8-14 weeks, are also available.

**Educator Workshops** are **60 (or more) minute** seminars that feature engaging activities designed for adults to take back to the classroom. Teaching partners / artists work with the Springboard program staff and school/district representatives to tailor each program to the specific goals of the educator group. Workshop participants can learn how to integrate the arts across the curriculum, accommodate different learning styles and levels of skill, or learn new approaches to classroom subjects.

**Note: All teaching partners / artists are required to have a criminal background check through the State Highway Patrol and Children and Family Services.** If you teach a long-term residency in a St. Louis Public school, you are required to be fingerprinted, have a tuberculosis (TB) test and to produce: (1) an official school transcript, (2) two letters of reference and (3) employment authorization.

**If you have questions, please contact:**

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