



Orange County Museum of Art Docent Application

Thank you for your interest in becoming a docent at the Orange County Museum of Art. The term docent comes from the Latin word “to teach” and that is truly what an OCMA docent does. Docents teach the public about art in our exhibitions and serve as the link between the art and the visitor. They make contemporary art meaningful and accessible to student and adult groups through interactive tours.

Docents at the Orange County Museum of Art give tours to over 8,000 visitors each year. For the public, docents serve as museum ambassadors and engaging interpreters of the museum’s collection. Docents are an incredibly important part of the museum’s Education Department. We seek docents who are enthusiastic about working with the public, dedicated to lifelong learning, and committed to enriching others through art. We are particularly interested in finding new docents who are available to provide daytime school tours, but we welcome all.

Prerequisites for Docent Training:

- Attendance and participation at docent training sessions.
- Firm commitment to the docent program including two years of service upon completion of training.
- Orange County Museum of Art Membership.
- Email address for correspondence with Education staff.

Training will last for approximately five months and will cover art history, OCMA’s collection, and gallery teaching techniques. During the training period, trainees will be paired with experienced docents to lead tours.

To apply for the Docent Training program, please fill out the application form below and send it to:

Docent Training
Orange County Museum of Art
850 San Clemente Dr
Newport Beach, CA 92660

Applications are due August 15, 2009.
We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Jenni Stenson
School and Tour Programs Manager

You’re invited! Come to the museum on Tuesday, June 2 at 3:00pm to find out more about our volunteer docent program. For questions or to RSVP, please contact the OCMA Education Department at education@ocma.net.

OCMA Docent Requirements

- Complete docent training program.
- Make a two year commitment and complete a minimum of sixty touring hours annually.
- Attend monthly Docent Council meetings that combine business and ongoing education.
- Comply with OCMA’s education goals, standards, and procedures.

DOCENT APPLICATION

Name _____ Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____ E-mail Address _____

Home Address _____

Current Employment _____

Education Background _____

Check any that apply and please explain

- Other Docent Experience _____
- Teaching Experience _____
- Foreign Languages _____
- Art Related Skills _____
- Public Speaking Skills _____
- Special Interests or Hobbies _____

What intrigues you about being a docent?

Is there anything else you would like us to know?

How did you hear about the Docent Training Class?

