

Aurora Theatre Technical Apprenticeship

Aurora Theatre at Lawrenceville Arts Center celebrates humanity's rich cultural fabric through creative and educational programming, cultivating a community of belonging for all.

Aurora Theatre operates 5 performance spaces, and is the second-largest professional theatre in the state of Georgia. Aurora's Apprenticeship is an 11-month program designed to support and offer training to early career artists. The Technical Apprentice is part of an Apprentice Company that also includes Performance, Directing, Costume and Stage Management Apprentices.

What to expect from the Technical Apprenticeship:

1. **Departmental Experience:** The Apprentices will work hands-on, with the supervision of Aurora Theatre Technical Staff, for 20 hours per week (10 hours per week if on a Production Crew). Departmental work will include work such as scenic construction, scenic installations, light hang and focus, strike, soft goods hang, sound/orchestra install, and equipment maintenance.
2. **Production Experience:** The Apprentice will serve as a crew member for at least three productions during the 22-23 season. Crew assignments can include Running Crew, Fly Rail Op, Sound Board Op or Audio Assistant, Light Board Op, Follow Spot Op.
3. **Educational Experience:** The Apprentice will participate in training classes and workshops with emphasis on industry standard skills such as Qlab, projection design, welding, theatrical rigging, lightboard programming (EOS), and sound board programming (Yamaha and Allen & Heath).
4. **Observation/Mentorship:** The Apprentice will be able to shadow/assist a professional designer through one full design process during the season. Mentor assignment will be based on the Apprentice's area of interest.

Benefits of the Apprenticeship:

- Gain professional credits. Our Apprentices are full-fledged members of our production team; we are looking for experienced technicians who are ready to learn and improve through professional opportunities.

- Create connections with regional and national artistic talent. The Apprenticeship requires close contact and collaboration with Aurora’s full-time staff, local actors, designers and directors, as well as national artists who travel to Atlanta to work at Aurora.
- Receive professional evaluations, and individualized support in personal assessment and pursuing goals. We believe in the importance of learning, evaluating, and identifying specific goals during the Apprenticeship. You will participate in monthly meetings with the Production Manager to ask questions, evaluate learning experiences, and identify goals to pursue. An important trait of our Apprenticeship is that we can tailor classes and observing/mentor opportunities to the specific goals and interests of the Apprentice.
- Complimentary “Field Trips” with the AppCo to see performances at other Atlanta theatres

Compensation:

- \$300/week stipend for every full week worked. You will be a W2 contractor, so taxes will be automatically taken out.
- Additional hours above your assigned 20 hrs/week may be worked at the Apprentice’s discretion, and will be compensated at \$9/hour.
- Maximum 15 hours of volunteer work per month. These hours can include fundraisers and special events, company-wide training, serving as a Teaching Assistant for Aurora Academy, bartending at front of house, theatre clean-up/maintenance, or other duties.
- You will not be paid for design mentoring experiences and classes/workshops. These are a benefit of the apprenticeship and an opportunity for you to study and learn from successful industry professionals
- The AppCo Showcase at the end of the Apprenticeship is a design opportunity for the Technical Apprentice, and is not included in paid hours.

Things to Consider:

- Schedule: The Apprenticeship is full time – 40+ hours per week, but it is not set hours. Your schedule will adjust to the needs of the overall production schedule.
- This apprenticeship requires regular physical labor, work on ladders, and use of an electronic lift system. Applicant should be comfortable with heights, tight spaces, and lifting/moving heavy loads.
- Housing/Transportation: Aurora does not provide housing. It is suggested that housing be secured prior to beginning the Apprenticeship and that all Apprentices have a reliable mode of transportation.



Application Procedure:

Each candidate must submit the following items together in one email:

1. A current resume including educational and professional experience
2. Three (3) references, with contact information
3. A cover letter/personal statement of at least 250 words describing the candidate's expectations of the Apprentice Program and how it relates to his or her individual career goals

Application Deadline: April 22nd, 2022 with interviews being conducted by the end of April.

Send Application to: Katie Chambers, Director of Production at k2@auroratheatre.com

For more information about Aurora Theatre, please visit: <https://www.auroratheatre.com>