



## American Stage 2019-2020 Apprenticeship Information

*Gain valuable experience working with Tampa Bay's most critically-acclaimed professional theatre company.*

### **Description**

American Stage, a professional, AEA, non-profit theatre company, is interviewing candidates for its 2019-2020 Apprenticeship Program designed for recent college graduates looking to gain full-time, professional experience in their field. We seek passionate and motivated individuals interested in receiving on-the-job training from theatre professionals and valuable hands-on experience at a highly regarded nonprofit, equity theatre company with a 40-year tradition in St. Petersburg, FL.

Available apprenticeships include **Acting & Production, Stage & Production Management, Design & Technical Theatre, Education & Outreach, and Arts Administration**. Apprenticeships for the 2019-20 season will begin on September 3, 2019 and will end on August 23, 2020. **Only candidates who are able to commit full-time to the entire season will be considered.**

Apprentices will be paid a weekly stipend of \$200 and receive professional development classes from theatre professionals and complimentary tickets to all American Stage productions. Acting & Production and Stage Management apprentices receive EMC (Equity Membership Candidacy) weeks and access to our improv and acting classes. A small travel stipend will be provided to out-of-town apprentices.

***Housing is not provided.***

### **Qualifications**

American Stage is committed to our mission to tell powerful stories that create dialogue, promote empathy and inspire a sense of community. Apprentices are vested with significant responsibilities within the organization, therefore, it is essential that our apprentices possess a passion for their work, a sense of purpose, a strong work ethic, and a healthy curiosity that drives them to learn and grow. Applicants should be mature, detail-oriented, flexible and personable, with the ability to work effectively with varied personalities in an intense, deadline-oriented environment. College graduates with a BA or BFA in a related field are strongly preferred. Training and relevant experience are required for all apprenticeship positions.

### **Application Process**

Interested applicants should submit a completed American Stage Apprentice application packet between March 1 through May 13, 2019. Applicants will be invited to an audition and/or interview based on the strength of the submission.

For more information on individual apprenticeships or to request an application visit

**[americanstage.org/apprenticeships](http://americanstage.org/apprenticeships)**

### **Acting & Production Apprenticeship**

The Acting & Production apprenticeship is ideal for individuals who are interesting in honing their craft and gaining well rounded skills in all areas of production at a professional theatre company. Acting & Production apprentices will be asked to understudy roles, perform an acting showcase for the community and in staged readings, apprentice with a professional director, work as crew members, provide education and outreach programming support, and provide production support for our mainstage and American Stage in the Park productions. Acting & Production Apprentices will receive EMC (Equity Membership Candidacy), professional development coaching, and access to our improv and acting classes and will experience master classes taught by industry professionals.

### **Education & Outreach Apprenticeship**

The Education and Outreach apprenticeship is ideal for recent graduates with a strong interest in theatre education and administration at a professional theatre company. Apprentices will work directly with the Education & Outreach staff to gain experience coordinating programs, developing and implementing marketing and development initiatives, assisting in the classroom, and writing study guides and lesson plans for the following programs: School Tour (elementary school touring production), Student Matinees (for mainstage shows), Outreach & Residencies (classes in schools), programs for Teens & Youth (on-site classes and productions) Improv Training Program (classes for adults).

### **Arts Administration Apprenticeship**

The Arts Administration apprenticeship is perfect for individuals with a strong interest in developing administrative and leadership skills at a professional theatre company. Apprentices will work directly with the producing artistic director, managing director, education director and administrative staff, gaining experience in coordinating programs, developing and implementing marketing strategies, and assisting in fundraising events and development initiatives.

### **Stage & Production Management Apprenticeship**

Stage & Production Management apprentices will work alongside professional production staff in their assigned departments, including the Director of Production and the resident Equity stage manager, assisting with all aspects of production and stage management, construction, maintenance, and run crew. Specific duties will vary according to the particular needs of each production. Apprentices may also assist designers on a production, depending on interest and experience.

### **Design & Technical Theatre Apprenticeship**

Design & Technical Theatre apprentices will work alongside professional production staff in their assigned departments, assisting with all aspects of construction, maintenance, run crew, as well as assisting resident and visiting designers on production designs, depending on interest, ability, and availability. Specific duties will vary according to the particular needs of each production. Candidates should have experience in at least one of the following technical areas: carpentry, costume construction, scenic painting, or electrics. Design & Technical Theatre apprentices will spend time in multiple areas to expand their knowledge in all areas of production.