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## Afterschool and Summer camp DANCE Teaching Artist

Company: DMF Youth

Location: New York, NY

Compensation: \$25-\$40/hour based on experience

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### Position Summary:

DMF Youth is seeking dynamic, energetic, DANCE teaching artists to join its team. Teachers must be proficient in hip hop, social dance, and urban dance styles. Teaching artist must be comfortable teaching dance-fitness based classes to underserved youth AND comfortable leading arts and crafts, games, leadership activities and "power discussions" designed to help students tap into their ultimate potential. Teaching artist must have experience teaching dance and the ability to control and manage large groups of energetic children, some with developmental and behavioral issues. All programs are co-taught with two other teachers so being a team player a must!

Programs run Monday through Thursday 2:30-5:30 or 6pm. Applicants must be available at least two days a week (Mondays/Wednesday or Tuesdays/Thursdays). We also have some sessions Fridays, but must commit to other days as well. We are looking to hire teaching artists that can work both summer camps AND afterschool programs in the fall.

### Responsibilities:

- \*Encourage active participation and collaboration.
- \*Foster confidence, self-expression and creativity.
- \*Maintain safe and organized environment with clear behavioral expectations
- \*Expose participants to various dance styles and music, teaching basic technique in each genre, particularly hip hop
- \*Be a role model by leading with kindness, love, and inclusion.
- \*Create and teach a final dance to be performed for school community at end of semester.

### Qualifications:

Teaching artists must be nurturing, mature, responsible, patient and have a love of teaching dance and working with youth. Because we work in Title 1 Schools and homeless shelters, the teaching artist's ability to commit to a full term is essential to create stability in consistency in the lives of our participants. One year minimum experience working with school age youth. Knowledge of or willingness to learn educational standards, curriculum development, and classroom management practices a must. Candidate must have strong interpersonal and group facilitation skills and the ability to work in fast paced environment. Bachelors Degree. Students still in college may apply, but will be paid at lower rate. Credit available.

**Program Summary:** DMF Youth is a 501c3 nonprofit that provides FREE afterschool and summer programming to underserved youth. DMF stands for dance, motivation, fitness and we believe in educating the whole child—physical, mental, emotional. The DMF Youth after-school program blends a motivational dance workout with a life skills development curriculum. Our goal is to empower kids and teens by building self-esteem, confidence, and self-worth and nurture health in all aspects of their lives.

Each week, we discuss and use dance and exercises to delve into topics like cooperation, attitude, team work, leadership, positive self-talk, self-control, body-image, nutrition, and standing up to peer pressure. We apply the principles of Social and Emotional Learning (SEL). Social and emotional learning is the process through which children and adults acquire and effectively apply the knowledge, attitudes, and skills necessary to understand and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships, and make responsible decisions.

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