



AAN Policy: Youth (Ages 15–17) Enrollment in Adult (18+)

Classes and Workshops

Students ages 15–17 may be permitted to enroll in select Adult (18+) classes or workshops at the discretion of the Director of Education. Approval is based on the student's maturity, experience, and ability to participate successfully in an adult learning environment.

Eligibility Requirements

Youth students may be considered for enrollment when:

- A comparable youth class or workshop is not available.
- The class or workshop takes place during regular office hours (9:00 AM–5:00 PM), unless otherwise approved by the Director of Education.
- Prior authorization is obtained from the Director of Education.
- A completed and signed Parent/Guardian Waiver is submitted.

Application Materials

Parents/guardians must submit the following for review:

- A recommendation from a teacher or arts educator.
- Six (6) examples of the student's artwork.
- Emergency contact information (other than the parent/guardian).

The Director of Education may request additional information or schedule a phone or in-person conversation with the parent/guardian and student before making a final decision.

Expectations for Approved Students

Students approved to participate in Adult (18+) programming are expected to:

- Attend and remain for the full duration of each class.
- Arrive prepared and participate fully in class activities.
- Follow all instructor directions and studio policies.
- Set up and clean up their workspace responsibly.
- Respect instructors, fellow students, facilities, equipment, and artwork.
- Participate appropriately in class discussions and critiques, when applicable.
- Refrain from using headphones or other devices that interfere with instruction.

AAN reserves the right to deny or revoke enrollment if a student's participation is determined to be unsuitable for the adult classroom environment.