

Georgia O'Keeffe Museum

Georgia O'Keeffe Museum Art & Leadership Program Now Accepting Applications

*The Program has Opened Enrollment to Rising Sixth Grade Students in
Santa Fe and Surrounding Areas*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE—MARCH 14, 2023 (Santa Fe, NM)— The Georgia O'Keeffe Museum is pleased to announce applications the O'Keeffe Art & Leadership Program are open to all rising sixth grade students in Santa Fe and its surrounding communities. Students at private, charter, and BIE schools, as well as homeschooled children, from across Northern New Mexico are encouraged to apply for the summer program.

Now in its 25th year, the O'Keeffe Art & Leadership Program is free for participants, who are also provided daily breakfast, lunch, and snacks. Students attend a two-week session Monday through Friday, from 9:00 AM-5:00 PM, with a celebratory Art Show held in the first week of August.

“We are thrilled to expand access to the Art & Leadership Program to the Northern New Mexico area,” said Grace Almanza, School and Tour Programs Manager for the Museum, as previously, attendees were nominated by teachers and educators in Santa Fe. “Summers at the Museum buzz with excitement from the students creating and exploring their imaginations in the different spaces on campus. We are excited for students from across our community to join us.”

Created as a homage to Georgia O'Keeffe's lifelong passion for education and learning, the Art & Leadership program is a three-year summer program that begins in the summer after fifth grade. Students are then invited back to participate in the Art & Leadership Program every summer until they graduate eighth grade. The program was created to target middle school youth and address the gap in artistic development between elementary and high school.

Participants learn collectively with a focus on independent thinking, building self-esteem, and strengthening self-respect. Museum staff, program leaders, interns, and teaching artists lead the program, offering children an oasis of positive support and encouragement. Special opportunities for those attending include touring Ghost Ranch and the O'Keeffe Home & Studio



Students of the O'Keeffe Art and Leadership Program at the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum on a field trip to Ghost Ranch in 2022.

in Abiquiú, showing at the end-of-summer Art Show, and being published in the A&L Zine, the Program's magazine which is worked on throughout the summer.

Applications are now available on the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum website for rising sixth-graders to complete. The deadline for applications is May 1. Questions about the Art & Leadership program can be sent to ALinfo@gokm.org.

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