

Georgia O'Keeffe Museum

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

*Rising sixth grade students in Santa Fe and
surrounding areas can apply for the program*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE—FEBRUARY 20, 2024 (Santa Fe, NM)— The Georgia O'Keeffe Museum is pleased to announce applications for the Art & Leadership Program are open to all rising sixth grade students in Santa Fe and its surrounding communities. Students at public, private, charter, and Bureau of Indian Education schools, as well as homeschooled children, from across Northern New Mexico, are encouraged to apply for the summer program.

Now in its 26th year, the 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 in June and/or July, with a celebratory Art Show held in the first week of August.



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

“We are excited to open Art & Leadership registration and welcome new students into such an impactful program,” said Grace Almanza, School and Tour Programs Manager for the Museum. “Annual field trips to Ghost Ranch and O'Keeffe's Home & Studio in Abiquiú are on the schedule again, along with new activities in different art techniques including block printing and ceramics. These hands-on and experiential activities make for two truly unforgettable weeks for our participants.”

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 is designed 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.

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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ABOUT THE GEORGIA O'KEEFFE MUSEUM: Since 1997, the [Georgia O'Keeffe Museum](#) celebrates the art, life, and independent spirit of Georgia O'Keeffe. Located in Santa Fe, New Mexico, where Georgia O'Keeffe lived the final decades of her life, the O'Keeffe has sites and experiences in two historic destinations, Santa Fe and Abiquiú. For more information, please visit gokm.org