

Austin Faces Crossing Guard Shortage as Start of School Year Approaches



(AUSTIN, TX) - Austin Public Works Safe Routes to School Program is hiring crossing guards to help young students get to school safely. Crossing guards are urgently needed at dozens of schools across Austin - this includes campuses in Austin ISD and bordering independent school districts. Training is provided and the hourly wage for crossing guards is \$15 an hour, 2.5 hours per weekday. A criminal background check is required for all applicants.

"I urge people to apply for the available jobs to help our children safely walk and bike to and from

school," remarked Mayor Steve Adler. "There is no more important public service than ensuring the safety of our children."

Crossing guards model safe behavior for young children, remind drivers of their responsibility to use caution, watch for pedestrians in school zones, and help parents and guardians to feel more comfortable about their children walking or biking to school. Guards are usually stationed at busy or challenging intersections. Other factors considered for crossing guard locations are traffic volume and speed, line

of sight issues, location history, and ratio of adults to children crossing at an intersection.

Austin Public Works' Safe Routes to School Program helps elementary and middle school students walk, bike, or roll to school. We make it safer for students to get to school by providing crossing guards, educational programs, outreach initiatives, and infrastructure projects to schools throughout Austin. Learn more and apply to be a crossing guard at: [AustinTexas.gov/Crossing-Guards](https://www.austintexas.gov/Crossing-Guards)

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Artist Career Training Opens for Austin-area Creative Professionals



(AUSTIN, TX) - The City of Austin Economic Development Department invites Austin-area creative professionals to apply for Artist Career Training. This six-week business training will educate participants on how to successfully manage a profitable business in the creative industries. Participants will learn business planning, marketing, and funding. Professionals from all disciplines are encouraged to **apply online at www.austintexas.gov/artistcareertraining by Tuesday, September 6, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.**

"The Artist Career Training program gives local creative professionals a chance to enhance their business skills, learn about City resources, and network with subject matter experts, City staff, and other local artists" explains Sylvania Holt-Rabb, Director of the Economic Development Department. "We encourage all local creatives to apply for this high-quality training."

Up to 24 creative professionals will be selected for the program through a competitive application process. Criteria for acceptance include the quality of artistic work, applicants' career goals, and overall readiness for the program. Applications will be reviewed by a panel of community arts leaders and practitioners, representing a range of artistic disciplines.

Throughout the program, ACT participants will develop a grant proposal for the City's cultural funding program and other funding opportunities in the region. The program concludes with a proposal pitch in which three winners are selected to receive a \$500 cash prize to begin their projects.

The application is free. A nonrefundable, **one-time course fee of \$150 will be charged to selected participants.** Participants must be at least 18 years old and reside in the Austin-Round Rock-Georgetown Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), which includes Travis, Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, and Williamson Counties. University or community college students are not eligible.

Application Opens: Tuesday, August 2, 2022, at 10 a.m.

Application Closes: Tuesday, September 6, 2022, at 5 p.m.

Class Schedule:

The six-week program begins October 19, 2022 and ends November 30, 2022. Training will be in-person on Wednesday evenings from 6 - 9 p.m. at the City of Austin Economic Development Department (5202 E. Ben White Blvd., Suite 300).

Course topics include:

Week 1: Goal Setting and Business Canvas

Week 2: Marketing and Social Media Strategies

Week 3: Copyright, Business Structure, Contracts, and Partnerships

Week 4: Budgeting and Taxes

Week 5: Grants and Fundraising

Week 6: Proposal Pitch Night

Program details, informational webinar, and application information available online at www.austintexas.gov/artistcareertraining.

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