



The Art Students League of New York

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APPRENTICESHIP FAQ

The program functions as "capstone" experiences for advanced students of significant promise who are embarking on an independent professional career in visual fine arts. Apprenticeship is not a workshop. Students must apply to the program and be admitted through a competitive selection process.

What is the Apprenticeship Program?

- Students work under the close direction of the mentor in an instructional setting to help develop skills and knowledge of professional and studio practice of a working artist.
- Location(s) selected by Instructor
- About 12 hours a month.
- Tuition is \$400 per month for highly individualized professional instruction and mentoring in Master Class Tutorials. Students who are invited to enter the Assistantship program pay no tuition. For information see below, bullet three: "Can I choose my Mentor?"
- Limit: 9 consecutive months, September through May, minimum: 3 months.
- Apprenticeship financial assistance applications are available upon request
- Students in program must register with the League office manager at beginning of each month
- Apprenticeship is a flexible, personalized program.

Who is qualified to apply?

- Applicants must be at least 18 years of age.
- Students of the Art Students League who have taken one year (9 months) of full time classes or the equivalent number of part-time classes in three consecutive years or less.
- Individuals from outside the League community who have achieved an advanced level of skill and knowledge in their media and who are able to participate in the program.
- All applications will receive equal and careful consideration regardless of gender, ethnicity, religious belief and practice, nation of origin, sexual orientation or political affiliation, and will be invited on the basis of promise, merit and achievement.

When can I apply and when do I start?

- You may apply as often as you like. Application review is ongoing.
- Once accepted in the program you may not apply for one year after completion of program
- You may start the month following acceptance in the program.

Can I choose my mentor?

- You may select any available **Master Class Tutorial** once you have been accepted
- Mentors may decline or release a student for appropriate cause with the approval of the Coordinator.
- Some students may elect to be considered for the Assistantship program by checking the appropriate box on the application form. Students accepted for Assistantships may not be assigned one unless they are invited by an approved Assistantship mentor, who may also nominate students to become assistants. Nominees are not exempt from the application and review process.

Can I change mentors?

- Depending on availability of instructors and scheduling, you may change mentor every 3 month cycle.
- You may drop a class or change mentors with cause. You must notify the coordinator James McElhinney if you wish to make any changes.

Currently Available Mentors (updated November 09)

- Naomi Campbell
- Sherry Camhy
- Leonid Gervits
- Silya Kiese
- James McElhinney
- Kikuyo Saito
- Gary Sussman
- Costa Vavagiakis

How much time will apprenticeship take?

- A typical apprenticeship class will meet 3-4 hours one day per week.

Is Apprenticeship a kind of job?

- No. Unlike the historic model inspiring the programs, they are not a form of employment. Apprenticeship programs at the League are learning experiences that sometimes includes hands-on involvement in mentors' studio and professional practices

What is "Assistantship"?

- **Assistantship** is different from **Mentored Master-Classes**. It is a hands-on experience that brings students into the Mentor's working environment, where they are exposed firsthand to the mentor's studio and professional practice.
- No tuition is charged for this program. Mentors are not paid an honorarium. Students exchange their time and assistance with Mentors for instruction.
- Policies and hourly commitments are the same as for Mentored Master Classes
- Because no tuition is charged for this program, no scholarships are awarded.
- Assistantship Mentors must apply to the director to be approved for the program.

- Assistantship students must be invited to participate. Applicants may check a box on the application form to request being considered for Assistantship.

What if I have to cancel due to illness or other unforeseen circumstances?

- Major changes to the program requested by either the mentor or students may result in participation being deferred, postponed or terminated, in which case the student may reapply in future application cycles.
- Students who interrupt apprenticeship programs without cause and without first advising their mentor and the program coordinator will be dropped from the program.

Are scholarships available?

- Accepted applicant for the apprenticeship program may apply for apprenticeship financial assistance. You may request an application from Anki King in the ASL office, 212-247-4510, x123 or anki@artstudentsleague.org.
- Scholarships are based on financial need and can only be used towards monthly tuition at registration.

Can I get academic credit?

- The League is not an accredited institution and we do not award credits, but upon completion of the program you will receive a certificate. Some accredited institutions may grant credits based on contact hours and outcome/works produced.
- Please see the department chair or academic advisor at your selected institution to explore the possibilities.
- The Apprenticeship Coordinator can assemble a dossier to support your petition for credit from the accredited institution you are attending, and coordinate with the department chair or academic advisor at the accredited college or university where you seek credit for off-campus learning at the Art Students League of New York.

How do I get answers to more questions?

- Read all the PDFs on the website very carefully. Make sure that you have also read the narrative on the Apprenticeship page. Most of the questions we receive are answered in these documents.
- You may email questions to apprentice@artstudentsleague.org with a caveat that the program is not supported by a full-time staff. We typically reply to emails once a week. We do not accept phone calls or drop-in queries.