

Requirements for admission

Be a minimum of 18 years old, still in school or post graduation, looking for a community transition experience, and exploring art as a career option. An interest in art and the ability to work within a shared studio environment with other artists. Previous training not required.

Accreditation

Gateway Arts is accredited with commendations by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF).

Fees

Funding for Gateway Arts is available to those who qualify through the Massachusetts Department of Developmental Services (DDS) or Massachusetts Commission for the Blind (MCB).

Families and artists can also privately pay for services.

Please inquire for current rates

Transportation

Centrally located in Brookline Village.
Convenient to MBTA and bus routes.
Metered parking.
Families or individuals can inquire about The Ride.

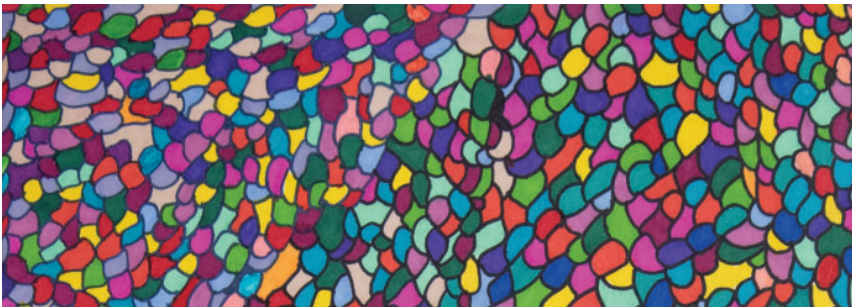
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Post-Secondary Services at Gateway Arts

Transforming Lives Through Careers in Art for People with Disabilities



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Preparing for the Future

Gateway Arts is an arts-based vocational service preparing young people with disabilities to transition successfully from school to work using age appropriate, arts-based activities considering individual needs, strengths, and interests. This service is also available for talented adults turning 22 with appropriate public or private funding. Disabilities include developmental and psychiatric, including cerebral palsy, spinal cord injury, visual impairment, hearing impairment, head injury, Williams Syndrome, and Autism Spectrum Disorders.

Gateway Arts has a diversified funding base, including Massachusetts Department of Developmental Services, Massachusetts Commission for the Blind, Statewide Head Injury Program, Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission, as well as private payers.

Gateway Arts is a premier art center on the east coast successfully serving young adults and others with disabilities. Gateway Arts is an art service of the non-profit human services provider Vinfen Corporation.



Jamilah Monroe makes bold, intricate drawings and paintings, often depicting complex characters of her own creation. Gateway Arts provides a supportive environment in which she can experiment with new mediums and ways of working to expand her artistic practice and bring the rich world of her imagination to life.



Jonah Springer draws inspiration from music and transportation to create stylized depictions of everyday objects and scenes. His work shows precision and a decisive use of line, color, and pattern. Gateway Arts staff have helped Jonah establish a routine which allows him to build upon his skills and create increasingly intriguing work.



"Art can be a way to communicate to the world and connect with the world."
-Stephanie Schmidt-Ellis, Clinical Program Director

Making Art Work

Gateway Arts artists spend their time creating artwork that can be exhibited and sold. The work at Gateway Arts is designed to prepare young adults with disabilities for further employment, education, and independence. The vocational skills and enhanced self-esteem help enable people to transition successfully into various fields of interest or supported employment or can lead to a career in the arts.

Artists come to the studio where they are encouraged to work on their projects with facilitation as necessary. Gateway Arts provides high quality art materials, as well as a staff of professionally trained artists and educators who are always available for suggestions and gentle encouragement. Gateway Arts also plans offsite field trips and outings for artistic inspiration and community participation.

Gateway Arts offers a results-oriented process where artists receive a 50% commission on all art sales. Items they create are sold in the Gateway Arts Store and Gallery, online, and at offsite venues locally, nationally, and internationally. While participating in the service, each artist develops a portfolio while learning the necessary skills for possible future marketing of their work. Staff support artists in the creation of their artist statements, resumes, and biographies.



Lucy Watkins enjoys creating in a wide variety of media. Her subject matter varies as well, though she has a particular affinity for animals. Having the opportunity to not only develop her artistic interests, but also to earn recognition and sales income, has instilled in Lucy a great sense of pride in the work that she does here at Gateway Arts.

We offer artists the materials to create what they desire to create. We help as much as is needed to get their ideas realized.
-Bil Thibodeau, Artistic Program Director

Fulfilling the Promise

Gateway Arts provides a community of other young adults and practicing artists of all ages in a supportive, diversified community where participants make valuable connections and are there to help each other through the challenges that can accompany transition and change. This support takes the form of interactive learning, feedback, conversation, and friendships that help build confidence and real world skills.