Art & Design

Art is essential in understanding the modern world, showcases the depth of human emotion and the human experience, and is a rewarding and enjoyable area to explore. Skills learned while studying art and design enables complex problem solving, creative thinking, and communication based upon well-reasoned arguments and firm foundations. Many museums, events, and organizations offer opportunities for volunteers to serve communities while diving into art and design themselves.

Source: http://www.open.ac.uk/Arts/study/why-arts.shtml

State, National, & Global Agencies:

- **Art Institute of Chicago** - [www.artic.edu/volunteer-opportunities](http://www.artic.edu/volunteer-opportunities)
  The Art Institute of Chicago collects, preserves, and interprets works of art of the highest quality, representing the world’s diverse artistic traditions, for the inspiration and education of the public and in accordance with the profession’s highest ethical standards and practices.

- **The Armed Services Arts Partnership (ASAP)** - [www.asapasap.org](http://www.asapasap.org)
  ASAP empowers veterans, service members, and military family members to re-enter and thrive in their communities through arts classes and performances. ASAP focuses on promoting artistic expression, skill-development, and camaraderie through six- to twelve-week classes in stand-up comedy, improv, creative writing, and music.

- **National Endowment for the Arts** - [www.arts.gov/about/jobs/internships](http://www.arts.gov/about/jobs/internships)
  Undergraduate and graduate students and other volunteers who would like to gain work experience at the National Endowment for the Arts are invited to apply for NEA Internships. This internship offers a national overview of arts activities across the country.

- **The Arts of Life** - [www.artsoflife.org/forms/volunteer-application](http://www.artsoflife.org/forms/volunteer-application)
  The Arts of Life is committed to providing high quality, innovative services for adults with developmental disabilities. Volunteers assist artists with projects, teach new skills, design databases, plan special events, assist in grant applications, and much more.

Champaign-Urbana Organizations:

- **40 North: Champaign County Arts Council** - [www.40north.org/classifieds/volunteer](http://www.40north.org/classifieds/volunteer)
  40 North/88 West is dedicated to cultivating a vibrant and thriving environment for the arts, culture, and entertainment stimulating Champaign County’s growth and enriching the quality of life for everyone.

- **Champaign County Historical Museum** - [www.champaigncountyhistory.org/#support/c1fpx](http://www.champaigncountyhistory.org/#support/c1fpx)
  The Champaign County Historical Museum exists to “collect and preserve artifacts relating to the history of Champaign County, and, by using those artifacts in formal and informal educational activities, to interpret that history to the public. Volunteer opportunities include docenting, exhibit care, photography, and more.”
8 to CREATE - http://publish.illinois.edu/8tocreate
8 to CREATE is an art event in which 8 artists have 8 hours to create 8 drawings. The primary goal of 8 to CREATE is to provide an opportunity for students to gain professional art and design experience and to engage in the Champaign-Urbana community. Students are involved in all aspects of planning the event in order to gain practical experience.

Artistic Design and Creating Club - https://illinois.collegiatelink.net/organization/adcc
We sell products that we make to the public and raise money for people who are in need. 70% of money we get will go to charity organizations like American National Red Cross and United Way.

Design for America (DFA) - www.dfaillinois.com
DFA at University of Illinois is a registered student organization as well as a part of a national network of passionate creators & innovators revolutionizing the way college students engage with & improve the world around us.

Illini Art Therapy Association - www.facebook.com/groups/IlliniArtTherapy
The Illini Art Therapy Association leads art workshops open to any Illinois students on the first, third, and fifth Mondays of each month from 7pm to 9pm at the Women’s Resources Center. Workshops are a break from the grind of schoolwork where you can use art making for self-reflection, self-knowledge and empowerment.

Krannert Art Museum - www.kam.illinois.edu/about/volunteer.html
The Krannert Art Museum is the second largest art museum in the state. Volunteer docents lead tours of the museum’s permanent collection and special exhibitions to pre K-12 student and adult groups, receiving training in art history and teaching along the way. Other volunteering opportunities arise periodically; check the website for more details.

Krannert Center for the Performing Arts - www.krannertcenter.com/engage-learn/volunteer
Krannert Center volunteer programs offer students and community members an opportunity to become more closely involved with the performing arts. As a volunteer, you play a significant role in assuring that the many performances at Krannert Center run smoothly and that all of our patrons feel welcome.

Spurlock Museum - www.spurlock.illinois.edu/about/jobs
The Spurlock Museum, a museum of world cultures and history, is located on campus at the University of Illinois. Community outreach education programs are on-going and educational resources are available online. Volunteers are needed periodically for activities such as working with artifacts, conducting exhibit or object research, or interacting with the public in tours and programs.

Volunteer Illini Projects: Arts Outreach - vip.arts.outreach@gmail.com
Explore your artistic side and experience how the arts hold elements of therapy. VIP Arts Outreach applies students’ creativity to the betterment of people’s lives. Join us in finding how drama, visual art, music, photography, film, dance, theater, literature, or any form of art can change someone’s day into an extraordinary experience.

Campus Opportunities and Registered Student Organizations:

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