

# POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

## Part Time Education Teaching Artist



**Position:** Education Teaching Artist

**Status:** Non-exempt, Part Time

**Reports to:** Education Director

**Start Date:** September 1, 2026

**Compensation:** \$16.50/hour. 20 Hours guaranteed per week, up to 28 hours per week depending on the Education team workshop schedule. Mileage reimbursement is available for travel to schools and sites.

### **ABOUT FIRST STAGE**

First Stage, Milwaukee's premiere non-profit theater for young people and families, is a nationally acclaimed professional theater company drawing annual audiences of more than 120,000 people. First Stage's production season includes four to five productions at the Todd Wehr Theater, as well as our First Steps and Young Company Series of productions at Goodman Mainstage Hall at the Milwaukee Youth Arts Center - a total of more than 400 performances annually. First Stage also offers Theater in-Education programs, serving 20,000 students in classrooms annually throughout southeastern Wisconsin. The First Stage Theater Academy, the largest and most high-impact training program of its kind in the nation, teaches "life skills through stage skills" to nearly 2,000 young people ages 3-18 each year.

**First Stage** is committed to dismantling structures that may prevent ALL people from applying for employment with us. First Stage celebrates the richness of our world by cultivating Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity as they inspire the creativity that nurtures great art, artists, and audiences. First Stage strongly encourages candidates from historically underrepresented groups to apply.

**First Stage** is an equal opportunity employer and as such, we consider individuals for employment according to their abilities and performance. Employment decisions are made without regard to race, age, religion, color, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, physical or mental disability, marital or veteran status, or any other classification protected by law.

### **Position Summary**

First Stage seeks Education Teaching Artists to facilitate enriching, engaging, and interactive in-school programming for young people of all ages and experience levels. Education team members must be flexible, team players, lead by example, exhibit a strong work ethic and be committed to First Stage's philosophy of transforming lives through theater. This position requires evening and weekend hours, a friendly demeanor, quick and confident problem-solving skills, and enthusiasm for working with young people and for theater and the performing arts.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Work with the Education Director, other Teaching Artists, classroom teachers and school contacts on a continual basis to develop, write, and facilitate theater curriculum to students in Pre-K-12th grade in school settings. Facilitate presentations as needed

- This role requires travel to various schools and community sites throughout the Greater Milwaukee area and Southeastern Wisconsin. Access to reliable transportation is required.
- Maintain a safe and culturally responsive learning environment through supporting student well-being, confidence, and personal growth.
- Manage classroom behavior, procedures, and assessments.
- Attend all required meetings and training sessions.
- Other duties as assigned.

**Qualifications:** The requirements listed below are representative of knowledge, skills, and/or abilities required. Reasonable accommodation may be made to enable individuals with accessibility needs to perform essential functions

- A bachelor's degree in education, theatre arts, or a related field is preferred.
- Prior teaching experience is essential.
- Excellent communication, flexibility, and customer service skills are critical, along with the ability to manage multiple tasks simultaneously.
- Ability to maintain a positive work environment by communicating and behaving in a positive manner with all artists, staff, and stakeholders from a variety of backgrounds.

### **Requirements**

- Ability to meet the physical demands of the job, including being on your feet for long periods of time.
- Must be able to commit to 20-28 hours a week as scheduled including evenings and weekends.
- Must have access to reliable transportation. Mileage reimbursement is available.
- Due to First Stage's agreements with Actor's Equity Association (AEA), you agree to any COVID-19 and Infectious Disease procedures, including but not limited to any required masking or prior testing to enter or interact with production groups, rehearsal or backstage spaces as designated by First Stage.
- First Stage is committed to creating a safe, equitable, and inclusive work environment, and all incoming staff members will be required to complete Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Justice training.
- This position involves working with young people, and as such, a background check will be required.

### **TO APPLY**

Please send cover letter and resume with your experience, teaching philosophy and cover letter to Director of Education, Brinn Hill at [bhill@firststage.org](mailto:bhill@firststage.org) with Education Teaching Artist Application in the subject line.

No phone calls, please. Application submission period will remain open until position is filled.