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Title: Fashion Instructor
Location: WHEDco Middle School Extended School Day Program at The Highbridge Green School- MS 361
Reports to: Coordinator of Education and Youth Development - Program Director

The Women's Housing and Economic Development Corporation (WHEDco) is a community development organization founded on the radically simple idea that all people deserve healthy, vibrant communities. We build award-winning, sustainable, affordable homes – but our work is not over when our buildings are complete. WHEDco believes that to be successful, affordable housing must be anchored in strong communities that residents can be proud of. WHEDco's mission is to give the South Bronx access to all the resources that create thriving neighborhoods – from high-quality early education and after-school programs, to fresh, healthy food, cultural programming, and economic opportunity. See www.whedco.org for more information.

Job Summary: In collaboration with the program director, school principal and other key stakeholders, the fashion instructor will lead the planning, development and implementation of a fashion arts program at WHEDco's Extended School Day Program at The Highbridge Green School. The program is a great opportunity for someone with interest or background in fashion to develop a curriculum around their particular area of expertise, including but not limited to design, construction, marketing, fashion history, and styling. The program should promote literacy, cultural competencies and artistic expression.

Primary Responsibilities:

- Design, develop and implement an after school fashion course for students in grades 6 to 8, offering participants opportunities to develop an interest in and hone skills in an area of fashion.
- Lead, supervise and provide guidance to program participants in the elective four (4) times per week with an estimated 12 hours per week of combined teaching and planning time.
- Create lesson plan and select necessary supplies.
- Lead and encourage participation in projects relating to fashion that foster academic, cultural and artistic growth.
- Attend all required staff/planning meetings.
- Take on special assignments that pertain to the goals and objectives of the program.
- Maintain observation and incidents logs for group.

Qualifications:

- Minimum of two years professional experience working with children in a classroom, after school or in a community based environment leading and organizing activities. Substantial volunteer work will be considered.
- Background, experience and/or demonstrated interest in at least one aspect of the fashion industry or art form.
- Enjoys working with school-aged children.
- Demonstrated interest in the field of education, child development or literacy preferred.
- Able to work late afternoons and/or evenings.
- Well-organized, able to work both independently and collaboratively.
- Previous experience in low-income communities preferred.
- Bilingual (English/Spanish) a plus.

Competitive hourly rate based on experience. This is a part-time hourly position.

To apply, please submit a cover letter and resume to Highbridge@whedco.org.

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