

TROMBONE SHORTY FOUNDATION MUSIC INDUSTRY APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM



The Music Industry Apprenticeship is a program of the Trombone Shorty Foundation. Launched for the first time in Fall 2022 and entering its second year, the program offers New Orleans youth the opportunity to:

- learn from music industry experts
- develop professional skills in the music and entertainment business
- apply those skills in hands-on work placements at businesses in the city.

Here's how it works:

Applicants who are accepted into the program will attend biweekly classroom-style sessions as a cohort, receiving training in the key skills necessary for success in the music industry.

Apprentices will:

- Be exposed to a variety of music business careers
- Develop the foundations of professionalism
- Pair with a mentor to explore interests, set career goals, and navigate roadblocks

The program will start in September 2023 and continue through May 2024. In-person meetings are currently scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4PM - 7PM. There will also be work assignments to be completed at home. The total time commitment for classroom sessions is expected to be approximately 10 hours/week. Youth will receive a stipend for participation at \$20/hour, comparable to starting rates in the music industry.

Later in the program, participants will move on to a hands-on work placement with local music industry organizations. Apprentices work closely with the staff of the industry partner to apply their skills in the workplace.

- Work placements will take place from January to May 2024
- Apprentices are placed in roles that are aligned with their personal goals and interests.
- We expect work placements to be part-time, up to 20 hours per week

Youth will continue to receive a paid stipend of \$20/hour. Throughout this phase, mentorship sessions will continue alongside workplace experience. After this phase is complete, staff at the program will assist apprentices in mapping out the next phase of their careers which could include college, job applications, entrepreneurship, pursuing professional certificates, and more.

Youth and families who are interested can scan the QR code to apply. For additional information, please contact:

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