Mission Statement: Life Pieces To Masterpieces uses artistic expression to develop character, unlock potential, and prepare African American boys and young men to transform their lives and community. Founded in 1996, Life Pieces To Masterpieces is a 501(c)3 arts-based, year round, comprehensive youth development and education organization that provides opportunities for African American males in greater Washington, DC. Serving more than 150 boys and young men annually in under-served communities, our continuing goal is to nurture, embrace, encourage, and elevate African American boys and young men so that they grow into mature men who demonstrate social responsibility and create positive change in their communities.

Internship Title: Summer Mentor

Responsibilities/Projects:
• Work with LPTM participants, ages 3-13, to develop their artistic, educational and leadership potential.
• Prepare syllabus and lesson plans, co-facilitating lessons, and participating in all technical, artistic, planning and professional development meetings throughout the summer.
• Demonstrate the capacity to articulate and maintain appropriate “boundaries” (such as roles, responsibilities, relationships, and confidentiality) with youth.
• Be willing to challenge values and attitudes of youth in a supportive manner, affirm and validate youth’s feelings and ideas, and nurture and encourage learning.
• Demonstrate both personal and professional behaviors that would ensure that he or she is a resource to youth, LPTM and the community.
• Interns will take part in community events.

Qualifications:
Interns should have an interest in or experience working with young people and a strong commitment to social justice. Art experience or interest in artistic expression is preferred.

Is there a language requirement? If so, please specify the language and level of proficiency needed.

n/a

Working Conditions:
Interns will be working with students from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday and will occasionally participate in special events on evenings and weekends. Dress is casual and comfortable. Interns will be working in communal office spaces and classrooms.

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n/a

Mentorship Plan:
Interns will participate in a four hour Life Pieces To Masterpieces new staff/volunteer orientation learning about LPTM history, culture, staff/volunteer roles and responsibilities and the Life Pieces To Masterpiece four-part human development system. The Community Outreach and Training Manager will check in with the intern weekly and can be contacted at any time during the work day as necessary. While in the classroom, interns will be directly supervised by the designated lead teacher of his or her assigned class with additional support from the Director of Programs and Education, as well as, the Program Coordinator.

Preparation:
Intern should familiarize himself/herself with LPTM culture through our website www.lifepieces.org paying special attention to the following:

- “Our Mission”
- “Human Development System”
- “Summer Program”
- “Making the Case”
- “Creating Global Citizens”
- “Our Art Process”

Does the intern need to provide her own transportation?
Yes, it is required. Interns provide their own transportation via metrorail to Capital Heights Metro station where an LPTM staff member will pick up the intern and bring him/her to site