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VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT FOR NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART

SCHOOL DOCENT PROGRAM

Washington, D.C. -- The National Gallery of Art is now accepting applications for participation in the Volunteer School Docent Program. Volunteer docents give tours of the collections and exhibitions to school classes, grades pre-kindergarten through high school. **Applications will be accepted through May 20, 1996.** Volunteers for other programs are not being recruited at this time.

"Volunteers are essential to the National Gallery's mission of serving the public and helping to enhance the appreciation of art. The School Docent Program strives to teach, inspire, and engage students with works of art, and to foster an appreciation of the visual arts," said Anne Henderson, head of Teacher and School Programs at the National Gallery.

The Gallery provides structured orientation and instruction for volunteers in the program through lectures, gallery sessions, and tour observations. Volunteering in museums offers the satisfaction of serving the public and opens new worlds through the volunteers' learning as well as exchange with fellow volunteers and professional staff of the museum.

For information or an application, please call the Department of Teacher and School Programs at 202-842-6880.

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