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National Gallery of Art Seeks Docents for Group Tours



A Gallery docent leads a group tour in a discussion of Jean-Honoré Fragonard's *The Swing*, c. 1775/1780, National Gallery of Art, Washington, Samuel H. Kress Collection.

Washington, DC—The National Gallery of Art is recruiting docents to conduct thought-provoking and engaging tours, in English and other languages, for thousands of adult visitors from around the world, providing rich and memorable experiences with works of art in the Gallery's collection.

New docents are expected to make a five-year commitment to the program, which includes two years of initial training, beginning in September 2018. The training program focuses on museum education and art history related to the permanent collection and incorporates workshops, in-gallery sessions, lectures, readings, and more. Docents become part of a community of learners and continue their education beyond the initial two-year training period, both formally and informally.

Those interested in applying to the program must attend an information meeting in fall 2017. To register for an information meeting, visit our [Docents page](#) starting on August 15. Information meetings run from October into December. Applications are due by December 31. For more information, visit the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) page or email newdocents@nga.gov.

Applicants from all backgrounds and life experiences are welcome and encouraged to apply.

Information about the docent program and many other volunteer opportunities at the National Gallery of Art is available at nga.gov/opportunities/volunteer-opportunities.html.

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General Information

The National Gallery of Art and its Sculpture Garden are at all times free to the public. They are located on the National Mall between 3rd and 9th Streets at Constitution Avenue NW, and are open Monday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Gallery is closed on December 25 and January 1. For information call (202) 737-4215 or visit the Gallery's Web site at www.nga.gov. Follow the Gallery on Facebook at www.facebook.com/NationalGalleryofArt, Twitter at www.twitter.com/ngadc, and Instagram at <http://instagram.com/ngadc>.

Visitors will be asked to present all carried items for inspection upon entering. Checkrooms are free of charge and located at each entrance.

Luggage and other oversized bags must be presented at the 4th Street entrances to the East or West Building to permit x-ray screening and must be deposited in the checkrooms at those entrances. For the safety of visitors and the works of art, nothing may be carried into the Gallery on a visitor's back. Any bag or other items that cannot be carried reasonably and safely in some other manner must be left in the checkrooms. Items larger than 17 by 26 inches cannot be accepted by the Gallery or its checkrooms.

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