

Evaluate your experiences as a Museum Apprentice. Was it what you expected? What did you learn from it? What would you change?

Throughout my tenth grade year in high school (2010-2011), I have been a Junior Museum Apprentice at the Brooklyn Museum, and I must say it has been a wonderful, eye-opening experience. From the day that I applied I was confident but quite nervous because I knew that it was not an easy process and my chances were few. Thankfully, I overcame that tough process and earned my place as a Junior Museum Apprentice.

As the program is coming to a close, it'll be a good thing for me to admit that it was nothing like what I expected. Working in my position gave me a new understanding of artwork, early childhood development, a workplace, and my fellow Junior and Senior Museum Apprentices. This is not to be taken as a farewell letter, however, but rather as a recap of my experiences. When I applied for this program, I'm not too sure what I expected but what I did not expect was to learn so many life lessons and tools that would better my future. I figured that maybe I'd learn a thing or two about working with children and working together in groups or pairs. Now that this program is finished, I am sure that, from it, I've learned how to hold more patience when it comes down to working together with someone and getting as close to perfection as I've deemed possible. I've also learned several different methods in which I can teach a child through my knowledge of early childhood development. I've made relationships in and outside of work. I've used [what I learned] to give my aunt tips on how to make learning with children enjoyable and also with a past Museum Apprentice that will soon be teaching teenagers in the field of art.

As I continue to recap my experiences I've come to the conclusion that there is nothing that I've experienced that I would wish to change. Meeting new people and exploring new things has never been a bore to me. What others may consider good or bad I like to take collectively and view it in the best way possible in the sense that I will always be able to benefit from them. As my reflection nears its end, I'd like to say that overall, altogether, [this experience has been a] wonderful, eye-opening experience. And again, simply said, I don't regret one bit of it.