



**EL SISTEMA
LEHIGH VALLEY**

*A program of the
Allentown Symphony Association*

JOB DESCRIPTION

Title: El Sistema Lehigh Valley Teaching Artist Intern

Location: Allentown, PA

Reports to: El Sistema Lehigh Valley Program Director

Hours: Up to 16 hours per week

Pay: \$15/hour

Inquiry: Please send your resume and cover letter to
ahaag@allentownsymphony.org

MISSION

El Sistema Lehigh Valley, a program of the Allentown Symphony Association, brings underserved youth a free opportunity to develop life skills learned by participating in high-quality daily music instruction, large ensemble experience and performances, and academic tutoring within a safe and nurturing environment. Participants will develop discipline, the ability to set and achieve long-term goals, and a sense of social responsibility inside a community that cherishes creativity, imagination, and music. This will empower the Lehigh Valley community when their young artists, respective families, and community members come together to celebrate the achievement of their youths.

El Sistema Lehigh Valley (ESLV) is an initiative of the Allentown Symphony Association (ASA), supported by the Allentown School District, to provide access to exceptional instrumental and orchestral education in order to promote youth development. Central to ESLV is the ASA's plan to build, with community partners, youth orchestras in underserved communities throughout the Lehigh Valley.

Essential Functions:

As an ESLV intern, responsibilities include (but are not limited to):

- Assist the ESLV team with classroom management logistics: classroom setup and breakdown, instrument tracking, supplies tracking etc.

- Assist with daily procedures such as dismissal, bathroom breaks, and snack time.
- Offer academic support to elementary students as needed.
- Teach string classes, lessons, and/or sectionals.
- Team teach ensembles with up to 100 children.
- Create and implement weekly lesson plans in collaboration with the ESLV team.
- Assist with full orchestra rehearsals of up to 70 children; tuning strings, playing in the section.
- Attend music pedagogy and professional development sessions.
- Assist the ESLV team with classroom management logistics: classroom setup and breakdown, instrument tracking, supplies tracking etc.
- Attend regular staff meetings with ESLV staff.

Qualifications:

- Demonstrated excellent musicianship and artistry.
- Experience working with children from diverse ethnic and economic backgrounds; experience working in underserved communities.
- Interest and ability to be a motivational mentor and role model for students.
- Must have independent means of transportation.
- Must be able to work as a member of a team and under frequent observation.
- Strong commitment to El Sistema's philosophy of social change through music and the missions of ESLV.
- Knowledge of primary level music pedagogy (preferred).
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills and the ability to work effectively with a wide range of constituencies in a diverse community.
- Interest and ability to be a motivational mentor and role model for students, parents, and peers as an artist, teacher and citizen.
- Must show evidence of continuing education or career advancement.
- Bilingual in English and Spanish a plus.

An Equal Opportunity Employer

It is the policy of the Allentown Symphony Association to provide all persons with equal employment opportunities without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, marital status, disability, age or Veteran Status.