

Graham Academy Student Leaders Program

Step Up as a Student Leader with Graham Academy & Camber Arts!

We are proud to introduce the evolution of our former Teaching Assistant program: the Student Leaders Program!

Graham Academy has inspired young leaders for ten years as of this Fall, and as Graham Academy and Camber Arts continue to grow, we are expanding this role to further empower our senior students through mentorship, professional skill-building, and real-world arts leadership. A Student Leader isn't just an assistant – they are an official ambassador for our arts community.

What Does a Student Leader Do?

- Rehearsal & Classroom Mentorship: Work alongside faculty in younger classes. Learn choreography and vocal parts to demonstrate, track rehearsal notes/blocking, lead refreshers, and model professionalism, respect, and positivity.
- Faculty Coaching & Growth: Participate in bi-weekly training meetings with senior faculty to receive coaching, reflect on experiences, and discuss leadership topics.
- Ambassador & Performance Opportunities: Represent Camber Arts and Graham Academy as ushers at events, with chances to take part in special performance opportunities beyond regular class programming.

Program Details:

- Cost: Free to apply and participate.
- Benefits: Hours completed in the program can be logged toward school volunteer service hours *OR* applied as a discount toward Graham Academy programming (students must select one track upon acceptance). Not every position will be eligible for programming discounts - this is dependent on a number of factors.

How to Apply:

Applicants are asked to submit a short essay (350 - 500 words) reflecting on what leadership means to them within our arts community, essays can be submitted via email to grahamacademy@camberarts.ca. Please include your name and "Student Leader Application" in the subject line.

Essay Guidelines: What to Include

What does it mean?

- What does being a "Student Leader" at Graham Academy mean to you, and why do you want to step into this role?

Where do you want to grow?

- In what specific areas (e.g., teaching skills, stage management/blocking notes, public speaking, performance, or confidence) would you like to grow through this program?

How do you represent us?

- As an ambassador ushering at Camber Arts shows or assisting younger kids, how will you help make our space feel welcoming, safe, and exciting for others?

Choice of Track

- Will you be using your completed hours toward (A) School Volunteer Hours, or (B) A Graham Academy Program Discount?
- Note: Not every position is eligible for a discount on programming.