The Art Effect empowers youth to develop their artistic voice to shape their futures and bring about positive social change. Based in Poughkeepsie, we help young people in the Hudson Valley explore, experience, and excel in the arts, introducing them to visual arts and media, giving them the opportunity to develop real skills in these fields, and guiding them towards achieving their academic and career goals.

The Art Effect is seeking teaching artists who specialize in film and video production, with an emphasis on narrative, documentary, and commercial video.

Spark Studios is an after-school and summer workforce development program focusing on teaching students ages 14-19 career skills through hands-on training and practice in filmmaking and videography. In Spark Studios, youth develop both hard and soft skills by producing original works as well as creating media products in partnership with clients.

The Spark Studios teaching artists duties include but are not limited to:

- Collaborate with the Spark Studios Coordinator and other staff to develop cohesive and age-appropriate visual arts curriculum for high school age youth;
- Assist the Program Coordinator in conducting interviews and selecting youth employees, tracking attendance, writing activity logs, and other administrative duties;
- Teach students how to create high quality videos, including educating youth in the pre-production, production, and post-production phases.
- Oversee student work and be responsible for the quality of the production value and media messaging in student products;
- Oversee film shoots and student management of media files;
- Supervise and successfully manage students moving through a long-term, multi-step media/video arts projects;
- Engage students through media/video arts projects in meaningful ways;
- Manage and work in a diverse team with an ability to think on your feet;
- Mentor youth at varying skill levels to “get to the next step” whether in their art practice, college readiness, or career preparation;
- Be a supportive community-based mentor and resource for youth;
Engage youth in a series of “Check ins” to monitor youth employee’s well being and productivity;
Periodically maintain contact with youth’s parents and guardians to keep them informed and updated on their child;
Perform other tasks as needed.

This position is part-time (15-20 hours per week) during the spring and fall, and full-time (40 hours a week) during the summer. Hourly wage will be commensurate with experience and will be negotiated with the successful candidate upon hire.

An Ideal candidate will have:
- BA in film, video, digital media production, arts education, or a related field is preferred but not required;
- Experience in working with high school-age youth from historically disadvantaged or marginalized communities;
- Experience in video production, cinematography, scriptwriting, and other aspects of filmmaking;
- Familiar with the Adobe Creative Suite as well as DSLR, Canon C100, and Sony Mirrorless cameras, KinoFlo and Dracast LED lights, Tascam audio recorders and boom poles, C-stands; and other aspects of filmmaking technology;
- High energy and be able to inspire excitement in others

To Apply: Please send a link to a work sample, cover letter and résumé to angela@feeltthearteffect.org